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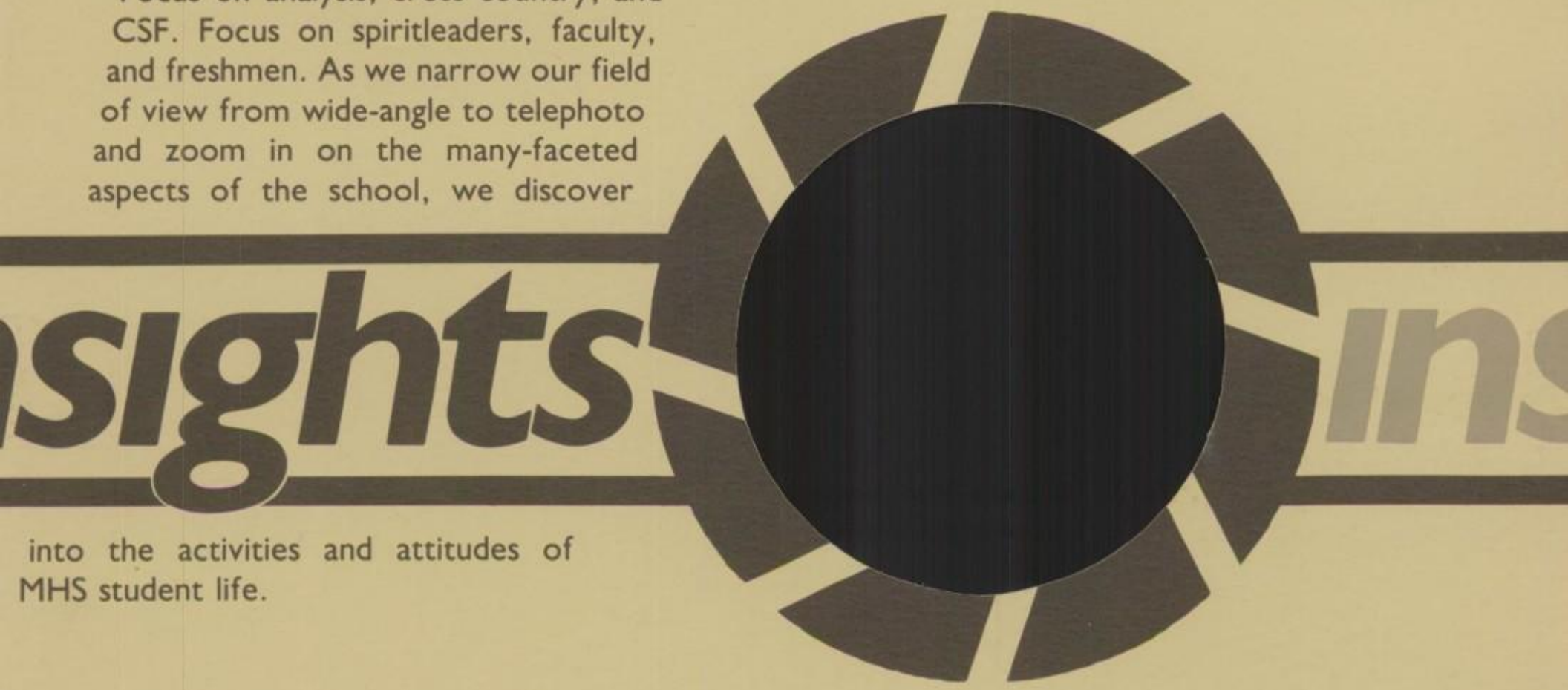
focus on fads, cliques, and hangouts. Focus on analysis, cross country, and CSF. Focus on spiritleaders, faculty, and freshmen. As we narrow our field of view from wide-angle to telephoto and zoom in on the many-faceted aspects of the school, we discover



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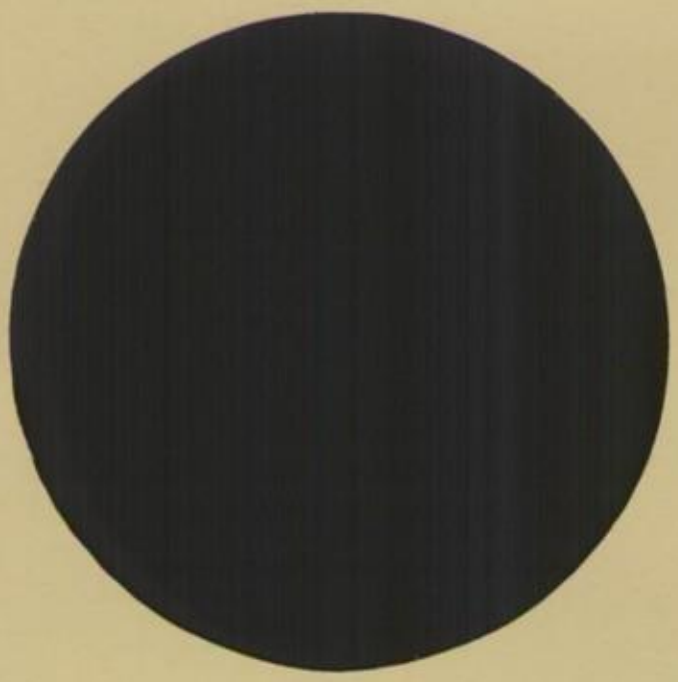

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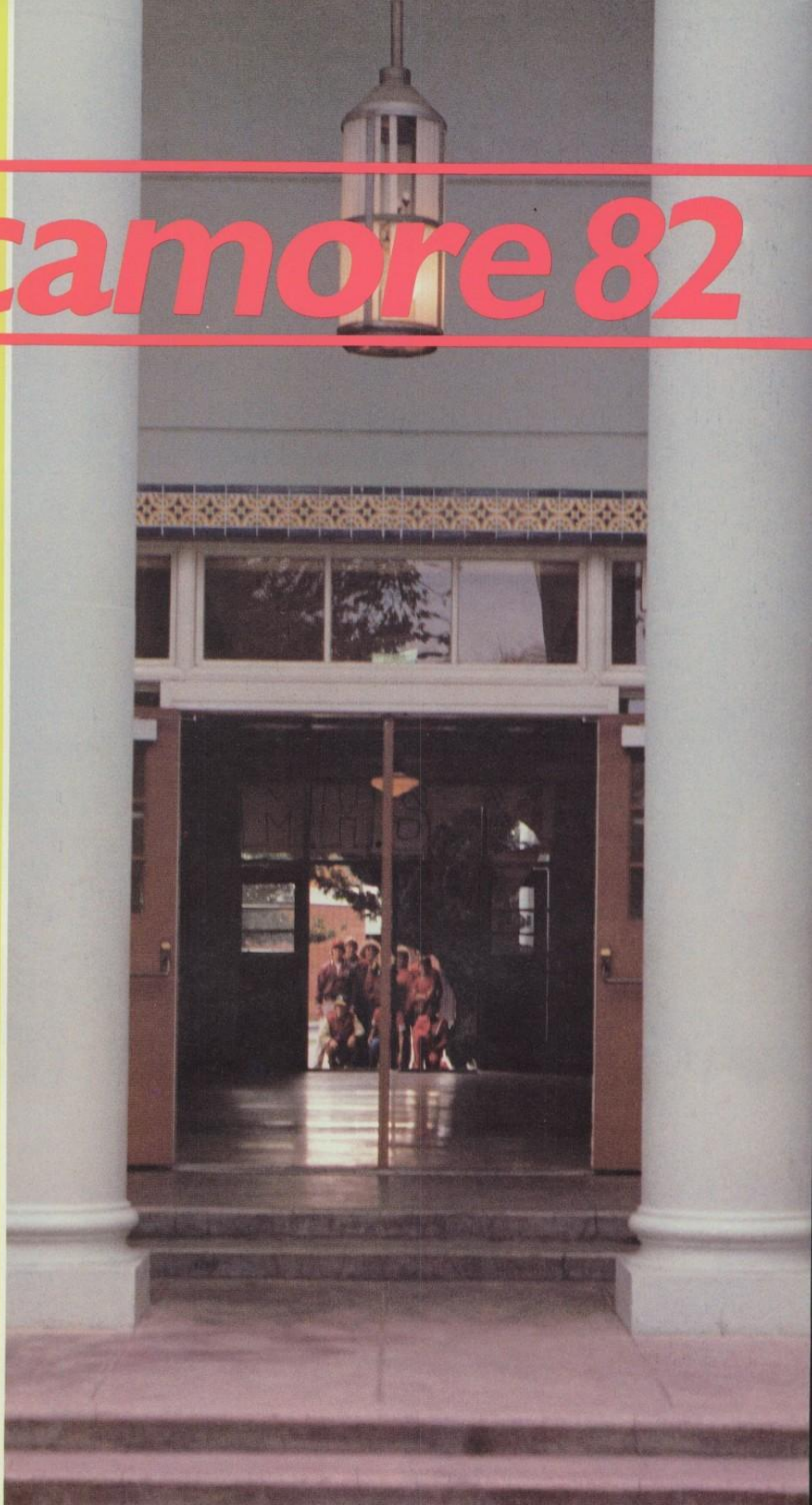

dedication

never one for the spotlight, yet always there to assist others, he has helped to keep MHS running since 1971. Remaining in 'second fiddle' position the entire time, he has performed his duties under three principals, all the while maintaining a smoothly-functioning program.

A District employee since 1950, his assignment at MHS was a difficult one. He has seen the student body decline from a peak of nearly 2200 to a low of 1450. During this time, elelctive offerings were reduced to almost nothing in many areas, but through it all he has remained consistent in his supervision of the curriculum.

He began his instructional career at Roosevelt Junior High as a PE and math teacher, later becoming a counselor and finally vice principal there. He spent one year at Downey as a counselor, and then six years at Mark Twain as principal. He returned to Downey for three years as vice principal before coming to Modesto High in the fall of 1971 as assistant principal for curriculum.

In 1974 he organized the Student Curriculum Committee, a group instrumental in implementing improvements from the students' point of view.

The person in charge in the absence of the principal, he meets and provides for the needs of all substitute teachers, as well as evaluating the teaching staff on a regular basis. In this year of accreditation, he has assisted chairman Ken Williams in assuring the rigor and validity of the entire MHS curriculum.

Retiring after dedicating 10 years to MHS as assistant principal in charge of curriculum, he has long been regarded as one of the outstanding members of this administration. It is with great pride that we dedicate the **1982 Sycamore** to Mr. Dan Caton.

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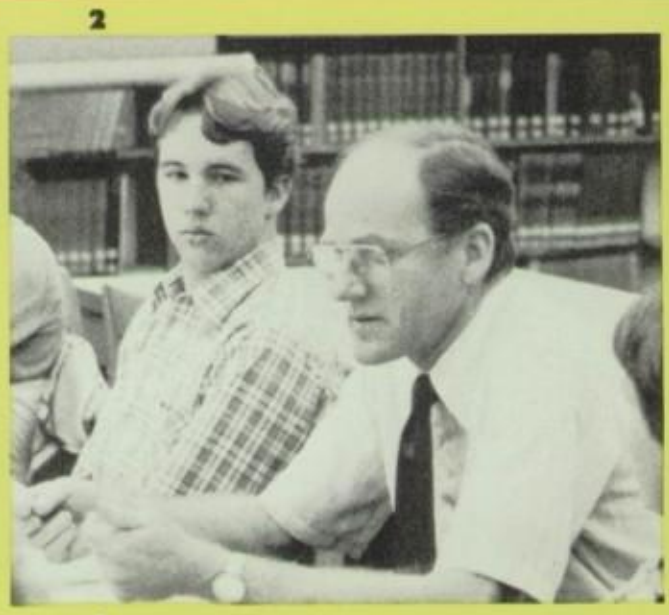

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1 Using his pencil to emphasize a point, Mr. Caton speaks to the Student Curriculum Committee.
2 During a Student Curriculum Committee meeting, Advisor Dan Caton presents his views on a subject as Jeremy Shuman and Jeff Hardenbrook listen attentively.
3 Mr. Caton offers assistance to Student Curriculum Committee president John Hallford.
4 As the assistant principal in charge of curriculum, Mr. Dan Caton reviews an assignment with new teacher Ron Vermeulen.
5 Advisor Dan Caton, Ronnie Velasquez, Jeremy Shuman, Yolanda Madrigal, Debbie Bowling, Vickie Johnston, Bill Knowlden and Pam Short meet in the library reference room to discuss participation in the accreditation report.

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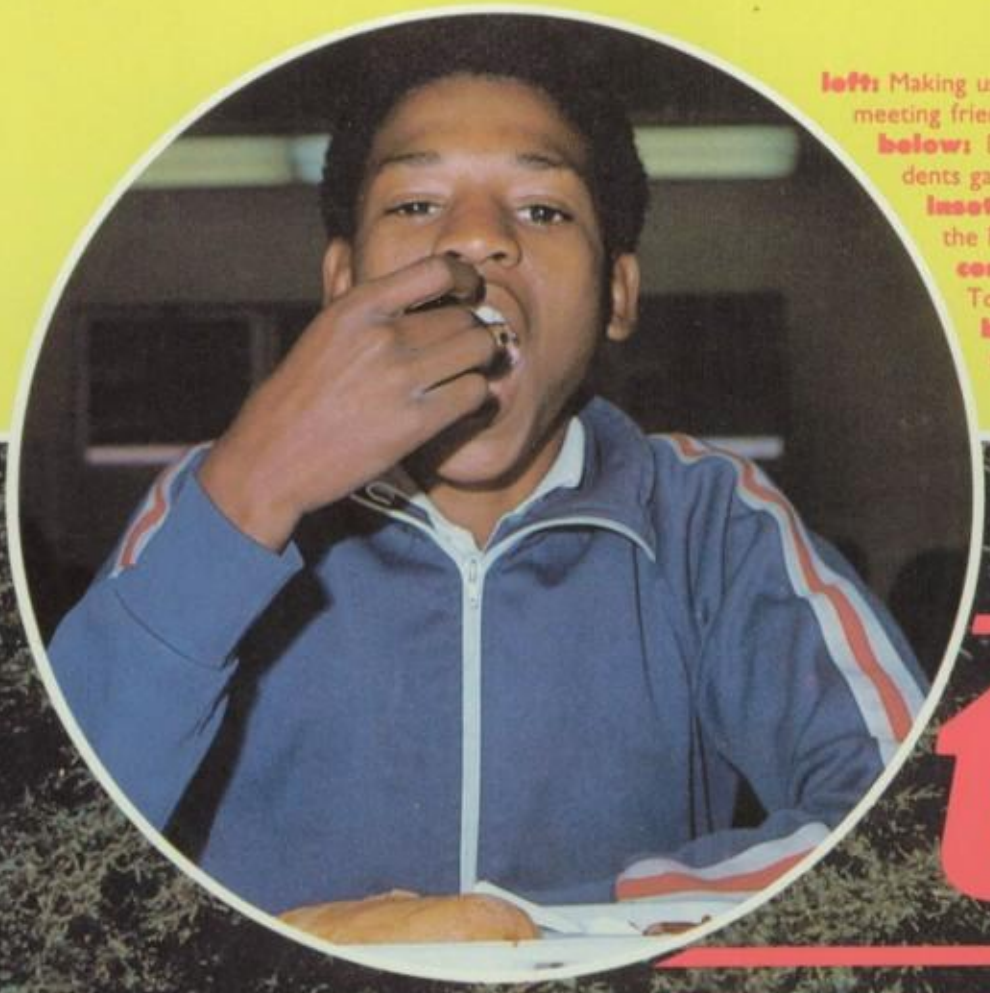
insets, top: Varsity spiritleader Marlaine Magnus 'rocks out' at the Punk Rock Rally.

center: At the Homecoming Rally, Carolyn Leathers and Tony Pruitt unveil the Panther Flag given by the Class of '81.

bottom: Sharing a joke with friends while relaxing in the sun, Ana Arizon, Maria Fernandez and Martha Fernandez 'take it easy' during lunch.



takin

'it easy

a student guide to Modesto High School from a to z

Many people consider student life to start in the morning and end in the evening. Anything done during that time span they label 'student life.' Actually, student life takes over where formal classroom instruction leaves off. From the time the final bell rings at 2:10 until they finally fall asleep, everything students do can be said to fall into the category of 'student life.'

Even during the school day students find time for relaxation. Following second period is a 15-minute 'nutrition break.' While many students use this time for its intended purpose, many more find it an opportunity to kick back and take it easy.

The same holds true for the lunch break, only two periods later. This time, however, students can catch a bite to eat and still have time to relax, since it lasts for 40 minutes.

Enduring an additional two classes, students arrive at the end of the school day. For many it's a mad scramble to catch the bus before it leaves; for others it's time to climb into cars or trucks or mount up the bikes, and head for home.

Once home, it's time to sink into a chair and watch afternoon soaps, jump into the pool if the weather permits, or crash on the bed and listen to tapes or stereo.

Many others leave for jobs, ranging from gas station jockeys to the popular hamburger heavers to department store salespeople to dairy farm helpers. In an effort to gain financial independence, more and more students are turning to employment, though they readily admit that it cuts into their free time.

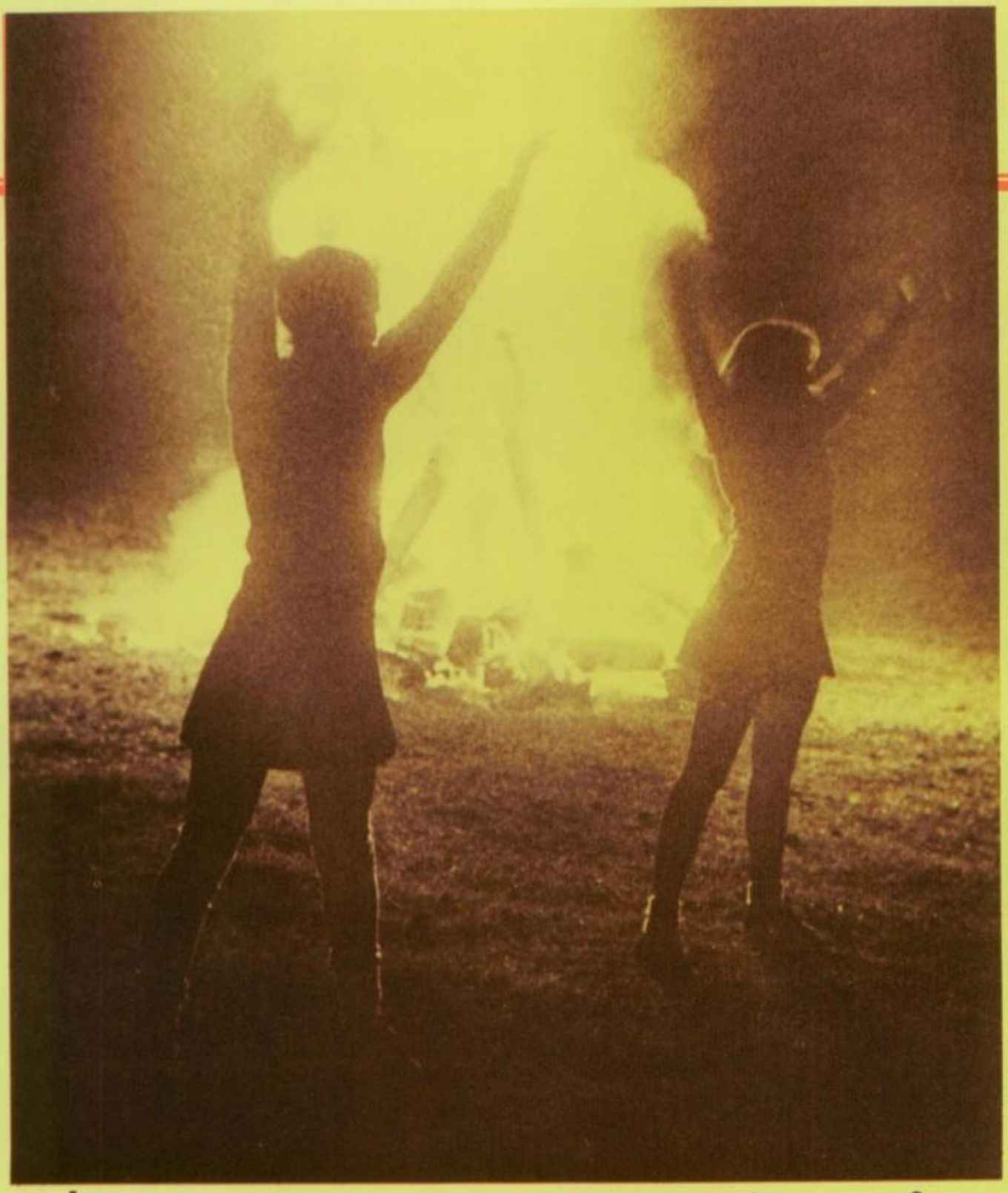
With nightfall comes an increase in the number of ways to 'take it easy.' Whether cruisin' McHenry, goin' to a movie, takin' a date to dinner, or partyin' with friends, nightlife becomes the major entry on most students' free-time list.

Not all participate so actively, however. Some stay home, whether by choice or not, either to study or get a good night's sleep.

All told, 'takin' it easy' assumes many different forms, and touches the life of everyone at MHS to at least a small degree. The next 32 pages are an encyclopedic guide to Modesto High School and its student life.

—Jeremy Shuman

from a to z



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1 With 'Freddy Falcon' burning in the background, sophomore yell leaders Dianne McHale and Leslie Anglim show their spirit at the Booster's Bonfire Rally.
2 Lisa Duran works diligently on her painting as Philip Henry and Lisa Randolph labor on their own projects.
3 The Downey Knight, David Snyder, steals the 1982 'Super Plans' during the fall yearbook assembly.
4 Making their only home game appearance, the MHS Marching Band shows precision in the execution of their routine.
5 Eagerly participating in activity days, Ron Henry sports his grass skirt for the Hawaiian Day.
6 Innovative exercises are often interesting, as Mrs. Wilson demonstrates during the Faculty 'Exercise Rally.'
7 Bobby Garrison concentrates on balancing his vase in Mr. Giovannoni's Ceramics class.
8 Senior George Stinnet and freshman Eddie Sciarini get into their tuba duet during the Homecoming show.

activities

High school life has long been made tolerable by a variety of extra-curricular offerings termed **activities**. Assemblies, clubs, competitions, dances, dress-up days, festivals, fund-raisers, rallies, and sports events add interest and enjoyment to the educational routine. Athletes, spirit leaders, student government and club officers all promote their pet projects with enthusiasm, but a generalized indifference has led to a gradual decline in the quantity and variety of activities, despite complaints that school just isn't 'fun' anymore. —DB

apathy

Everybody talks about it, but nobody cares enough to do anything about it. Indifference and non-participation continue to plague the student body despite occasional efforts to stimulate interest. 'Senioritis' strikes more than twelfth-graders every spring; it is preceded, even early in the fall, by 'cool dudes' and girls who consider themselves too sophisticated to join the fun. But don't bother telling them about the need for involvement, because they're too bored to care. —LW

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art

A means of expression more visible than many others, art can be accomplished in many ways. MHS offers a wide range of courses, from ceramics to leathercraft to sculpture, drawing and painting to commercial art. Students wishing to take a basic class can enroll in Art I and learn a little of everything. In addition, students may enroll in home furnishings or woodcraft, where they learn to make many artistic decorations for their homes. —PM

assemblies

Providing a break in the ho-hum schedule, assemblies are welcomed by teachers and students alike. They range from musical to maniacal, hilarious to hypnotic, ethnic to educational. Students have a chance to display their acting abilities or watch others on stage, while at other times professionals provide the entertainment. Whatever form of amusement, it is universally agreed that the best thing about assemblies is that you don't have to take notes. —BK

band

Music playing, people marching, rifles twirling, and flags flowing, the traditional spirit kept going through MHS. 126 students applied their efforts to create an award-winning band. The newly-imposed activity fee brought havoc to the performance schedule as 68 students refused to pay, and the band missed six of the 12 scheduled competitions in the fall. Despite such uncertainty, the band continued to bring home first-place trophies. —KF

beards

From the earliest signs of 'peach fuzz' on the upper lip, every boy's ambition is to grow a beard, or at least a mustache. Today's 'unshaved look' is an expression of that desire. To many students, a full beard is a sign of maturity, and there are always a half-dozen or so examples of facial foliage, plus innumerable mustaches, from the barely visible to the big and bushy. —CB

bicycles

'The bus doesn't come by here any more.' Many of the students who don't like walking and can't drive have pulled out the old ten-speed. But bicycle riders face many hazards. Dogs love to chase them, and potholes, drains, and rough terrain are guaranteed to mutilate their bodies when they flop. Latecomers have trouble finding a place to lock up their bikes. Cars are the biggest problem, though; drivers think it's fun to run them off the road. —RS

braces

Seeking to improve your appearance often means suffering the consequences. This is especially true when wearing braces. You have to put up with such things as getting teeth pulled, not eating you favorite candy, wearing rubber bands and head gear, and suffering taunts such as brace face, tin grin, and chew chew tracks. After enduring a lot of pain and hardship, sometimes for several years, it's worth it to have the final results of nice, straight, great-looking teeth. —DA

break

It follows second period. The most popular time of day, it is a 15-minute pause in the morning schedule. The 'nutrition break' provides an opportunity for students to rush to the snack bar or a nearby store for something to eat or drink. Most students then gather in their favorite places, the 'hangouts' where they feel most comfortable, for a few minutes of relaxation before going back to 'the grind.' —SH

buses

"Good morning" the driver chimes out as sleepy-eyed students stumble onto the Big Yellow Taxi. City buses also provide transportation between home and school for many MHS students. Although at times crowded, often noisy, and always time-consuming, most 'regulars' feel 'riding the bus' is better than pedal pushing or walking, and far cheaper than driving their own car or truck. —JG

changes

Times change, people change, and so does MHS. Decisions made in 1981 will affect students for many years to come. The stricter attendance policy, though unpopular with students, has cut the number of tardies to class. The activity fee has provoked protest and reduced participation. This is the final year of membership in the CCC for most sports. And the administration is expanding the present 19-acre campus to include the Washington School site by next year. —CA

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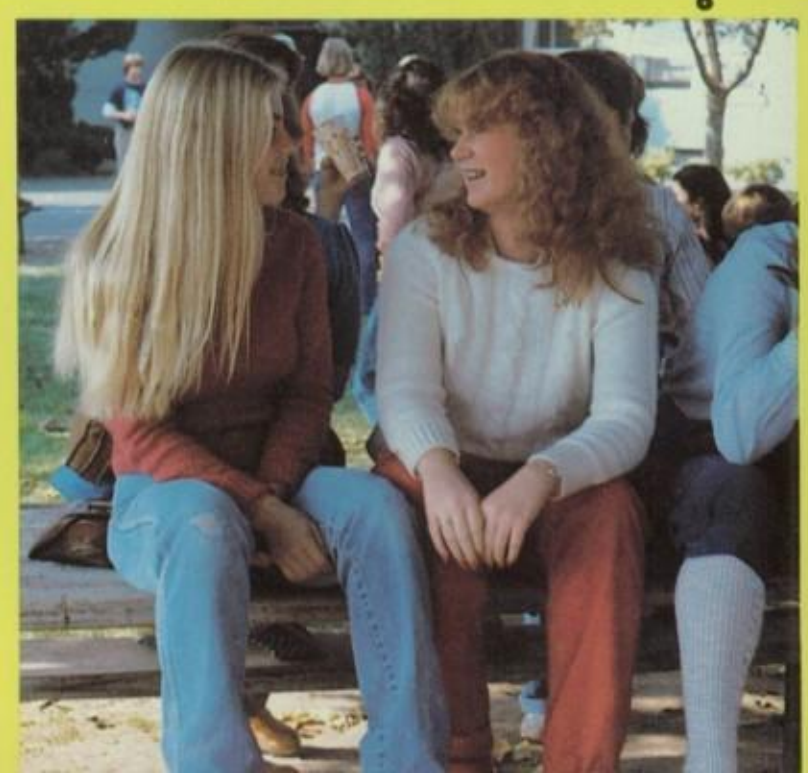

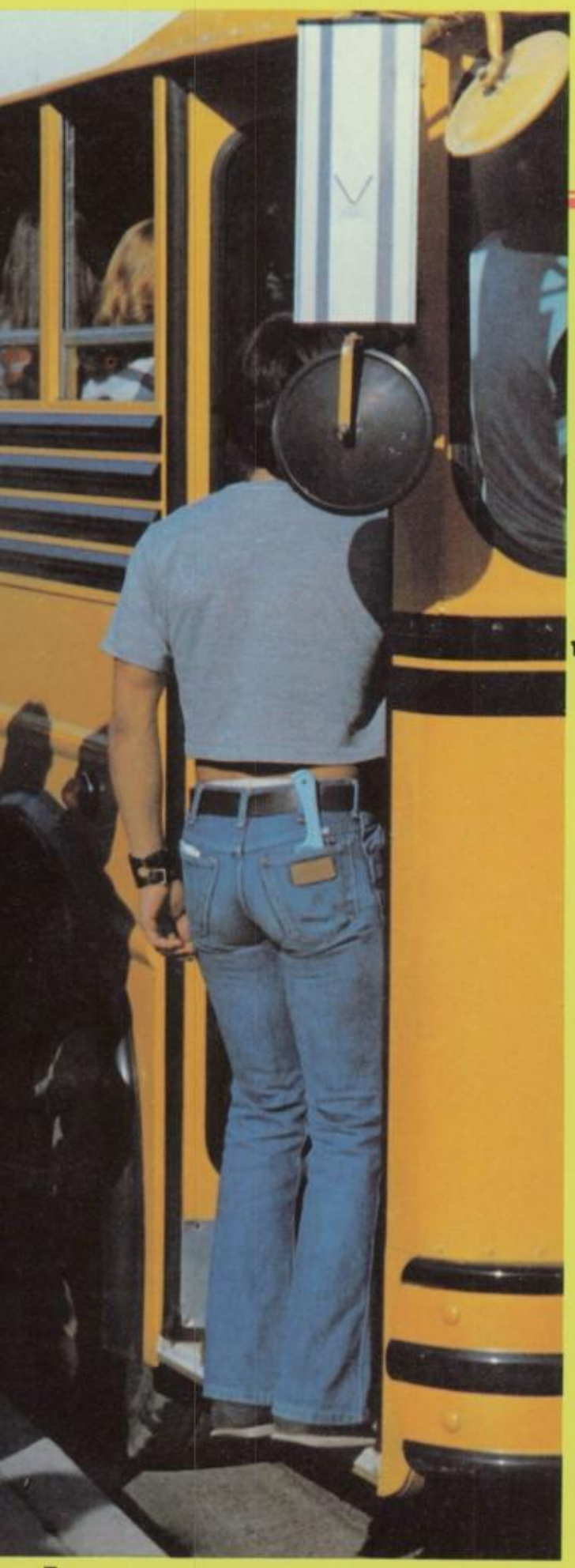

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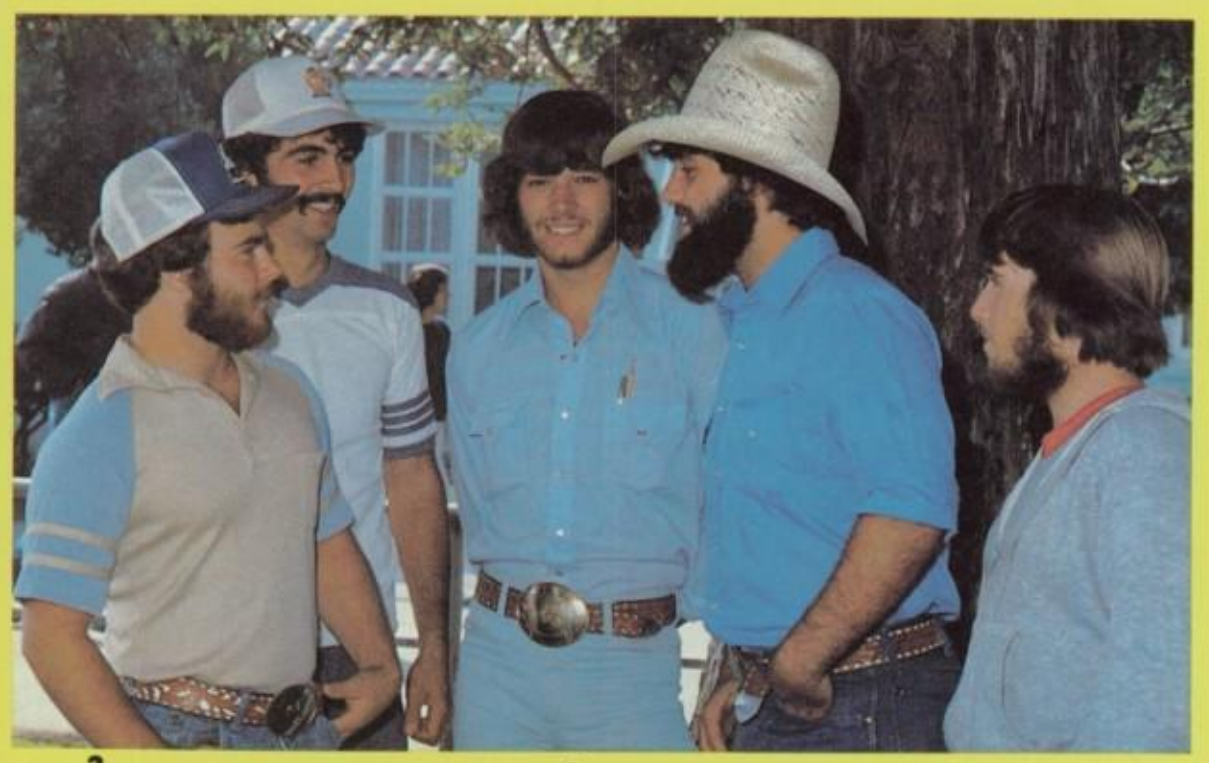

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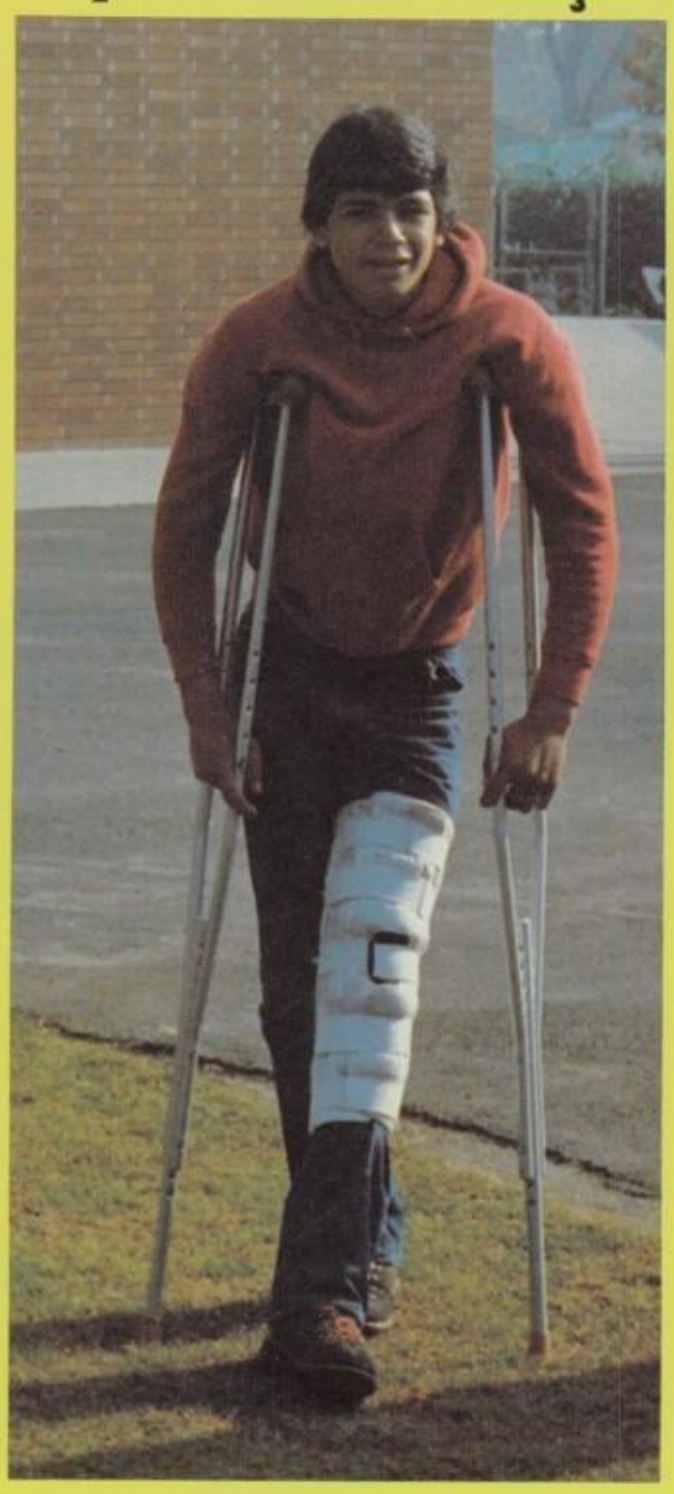

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1 Following seventh period, Ana Arrizon and Theresa Carreon hurry to join the crowd of students boarding the buses for home.
2 Exhibiting a variety of beard and moustache styles, Andy Medeiros, Marty Roberts, Chuch Houser, Rick Saso and Richard Kelly gather under the redwood in the courtyard.
3 Louis Martinez shows off his 'break' during the morning break.
4 Leaving the bike compound in the afternoon, Doug Hudson and Paul Klink find motorized bikes (mopeds) a good alternative to cars.
5 With the school day over, Rodell Meeks gets starts on the bike ride home.
6 With straight teeth in mind for their futures, Stephanie Heersink and Shanie Bentley wear their braces with pride.
7 The 'South Mo' gang of Marty Roberts, Tony Franco, Harvey Pimentel, Chuck Houser, Roy Bridges, Bobby Cadwell and Robert Garrison survey the scene from their ususal vantage point.

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Cliques

Clique . . . clique . . . clique . . . For someone new to the school, that may be the sound his neck makes as he 'checks out' all the different groups at MHS. There are several distinct cliques, plus others less clearly defined. Easily identified are cowboys, jocks, rah-rahs, lowriders, burnouts, and the 'jet set.' Expressing individuality while conforming to the standards of a group characterizes each clique, while together their personalities comprise a winning formula for MHS. —ST

Compentencies

In addition to passing all their required classes and earning the necessary 210 credits, seniors must also pass the Basic Competency Tests in six areas: reading, writing, math, social science, science, and health. Deemed a nuisance by some students, many underclasmen are nonetheless 'tripped up' at the 9th, 10th, or 11th grade level, and find themsleves in 'remediation' classes the following year. —JS

Couples

A walk across the campus is an education in the mating habits of today's teenagers. There is the pair who have been together all through high school. There are those who seem to change partners from week to week; the tease who leads 'em and leaves 'em, and the stud who is out to add to his list. There is the couple who is at the serious-going-together stage after a friendship of two days. Some couples enjoy just being near each other, others prefer to be intertwined, but all are part of the MHS teen romance scene. —LW

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Courtyards

Where do people meet? Villages have greens, towns have squares, and MHS has courtyards. Centrally located, they lend themselves easily to get-togethers. People of all kinds meet in the main courtyard. They talk with friends, eat lunch, hold meetings, and occasionally, study. The main use of the courtyard, however, is to kick back and people-watch. In the west courtyard, frequented by many of the Mexican students, a quieter, mellower atmosphere prevails. —RS

Cowboys

No matter where you go around the campus, you're bound to run into a couple of cowboys or cowgirls. Their standard costume is a cowboy hat, belt, buckle, and boots, blue jeans, and a can of chew in their back pocket. You can always tell an urban cowboy from the rest because his hat has a fancy sweatband, his boots aren't scuffed, his jeans aren't faded, and his music isn't country. —JC

Cruising

It's Friday evening, nightfall is swiftly approaching, and although your gas gauge is touching empty, you have an irresistible urge to be out on McHenry showing off your car and flirting with the opposite sex. This weekend ritual is still one of the most popular forms of entertainment for thousands of central valley teenagers, who often spend three or four hours each evening just driving slowly up and down the three-mile 'strip.' —VC

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1 Long time couple Rod Wyeth and Bernadine Nunes share a quiet moment during lunch.
2 Dean of Students Vidal inspects the construction of his new office, one of the most obvious changes of the year.
3 Randy Reeves and Mike Gouker have a 7-Up and a cigarette during break.
4 'South Mo Truckers' Harvey pimentel and Bobby Cadwell show off the 'form' of their trucks.
5 Kickin' back in the main hall is a favorite pastime of Charletta Crane, Trina Ingram and Bernida Norris.
6 Frequented by the Latin students, the west courtyard is a place for Luis Ruelas, Enrique Munoz, Jose Madrigal and Gilberto Morales to meet.

dances

Some people do it gracefully; a few have their own unique style. The art of moving around a crowded room to a certain rhythm, while at the same time trying to get as close as possible to one's partner without stepping on his/her feet is called dancing. From after-game dances to the Turkey Trot, Hearts & Lace, and the Junior/Senior Prom, there are ample opportunities for students to get out there and dance, dance, dance. —BK

dating

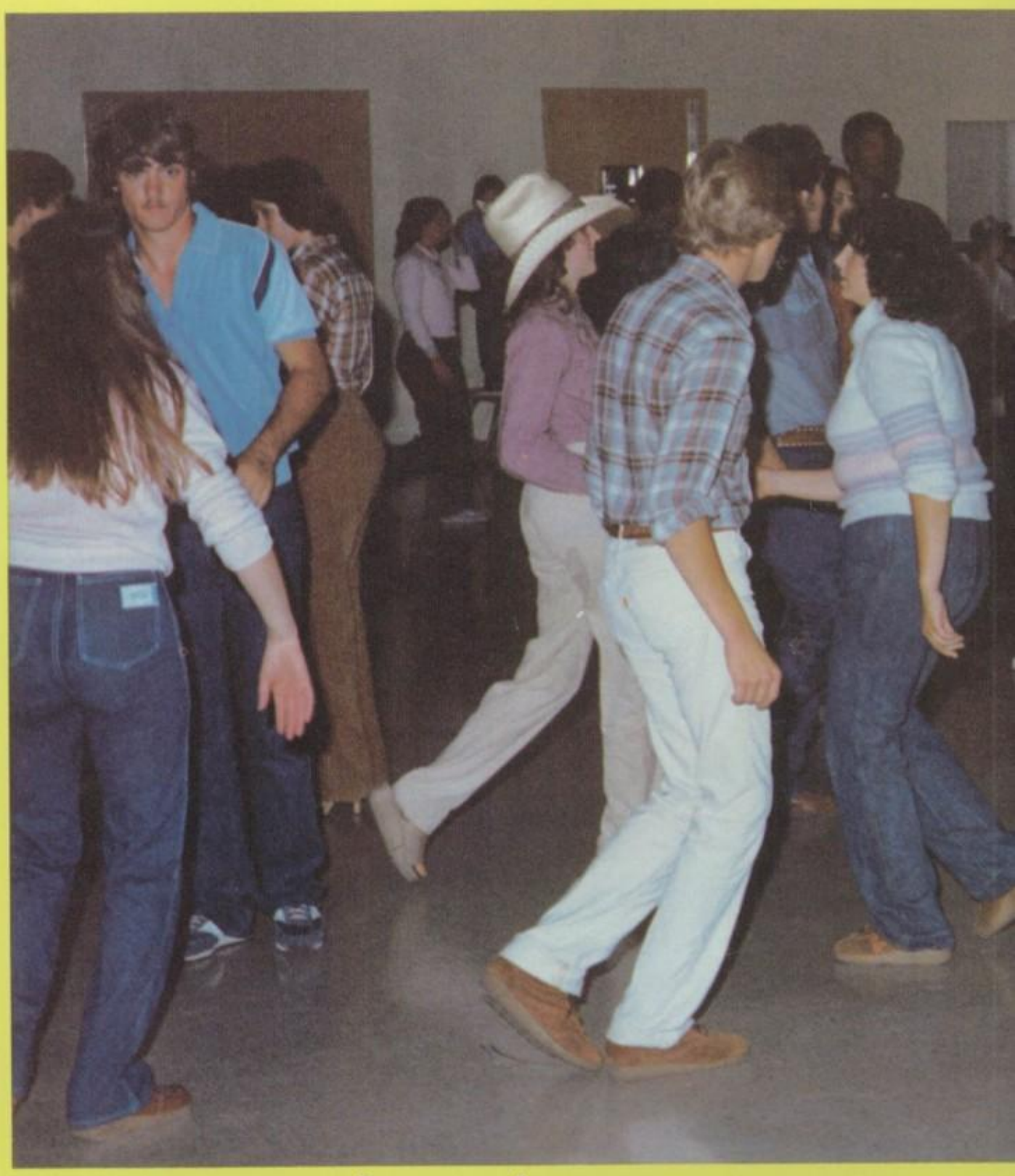
A night on the town. Perhaps dinner, a movie, or both. Sometimes it may be bowling, miniature golf, roller skating, or just sitting at home enjoying each other's company. From Stage One with a live band to Festival Cinemas to Shakey's Pizza Parlor and many more, MHS teens find entertainment to suit their fancies. Dating for many is a Friday night extravaganza, an occasion to do something special with somebody special. —CB

debate

It's boarding a bus at 5:30 am to go to the tournament at Tracy. It's arguing an irrelevant point three times in a row, changing sides each time. It's forgetting your debate brief, and having to borrow a friend's. It's losing to your best friend when he is using your outline, the one you spent two-and-one-half months preparing. It's waiting for two hours in a noisy gymnasium or cafeteria for the next event. But most of all it's exciting! —DP

eating

In their search for something edible at a reasonable price, MHS students find the food is often insufficient and always more expensive than last year. Meals in Panther County are rarely dull, however. Almost daily you drop something or find something in your food that shouldn't be there; if you're lucky, it won't be moving. Little wonder that so many students 'brown bag' it, or at least take what they buy to the courtyard to eat. —JS



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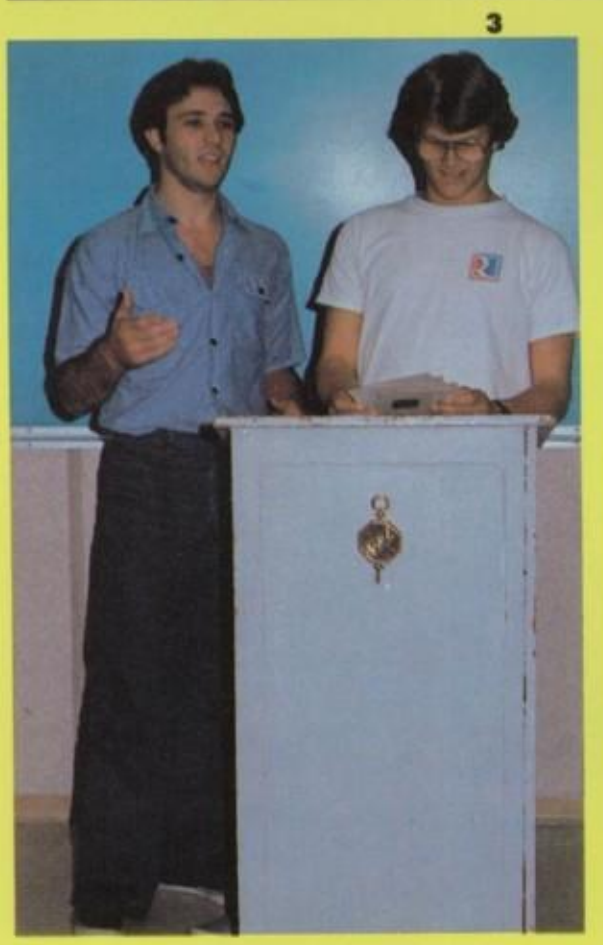

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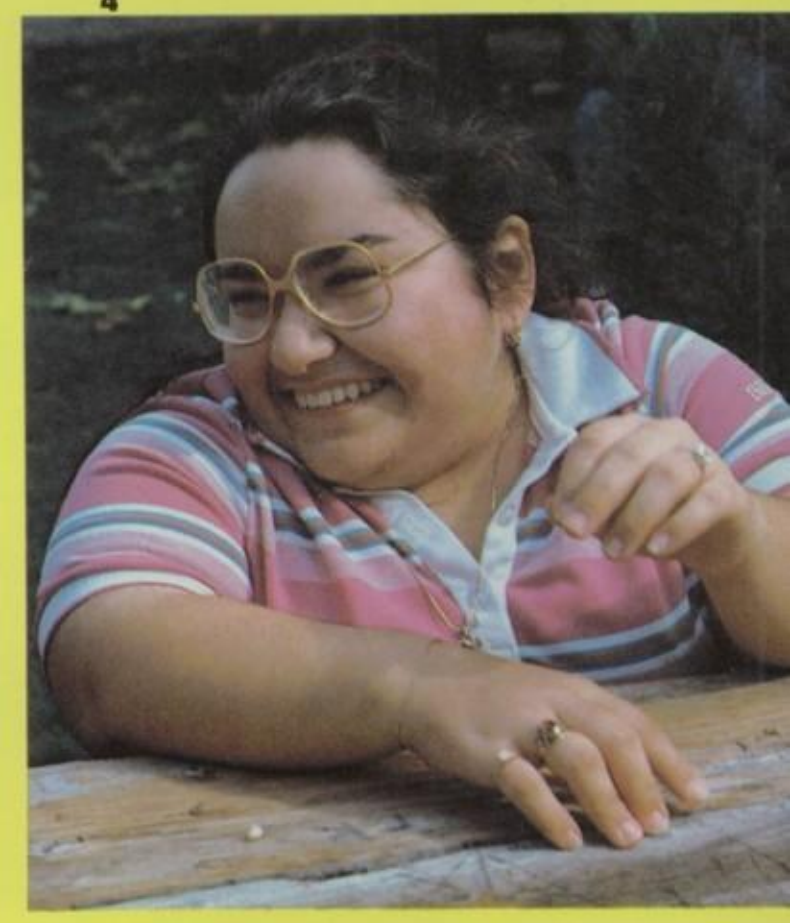

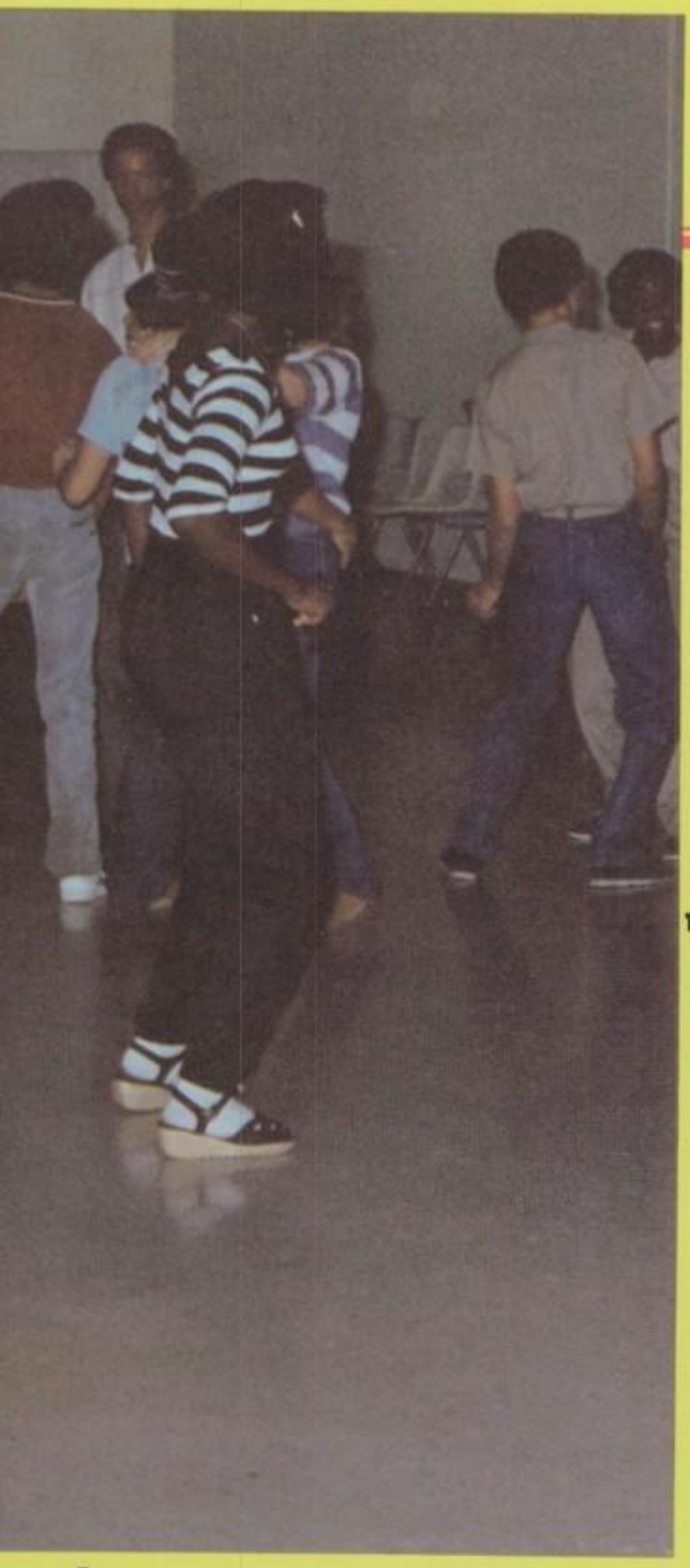

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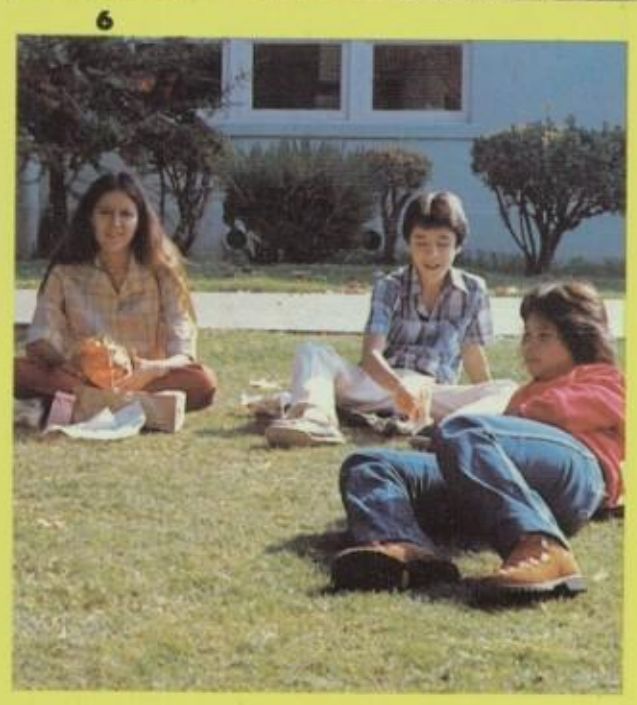

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1 Moving to the sounds of Fleetwood Mac, The Oakridge Boys, and Journey, Jeff Cagle, Phylis Mercer, Karen Fernandez, Steve Hawkins, Dalinda Angelo, John Hoy, Anthony Lee, Camilia Tilmas, Keith Marks, and Sergio Harrison join the crowd to 'get down' at the Back to School Dance.

2 Breaktime provides an opportunity for cowboys Joey Henriques, Steve Hawkins, Mark Baker, Ron Henry and Jeff Ribeiro to congregate in the courtyard.

3 In order to hone their speaking abilities, Doug Hudson and Don Porcella debate an important point.

4 Laughing with friends is an everyday occurance for Teresa Brasil.

5 Planning for a movie date, Roy Bridges and regina Avila check out the upcoming features at Festival Cinemas.

6 Sandra Ortega, Maxi Magna, and Irene Franco enjoy the sun and fresh air while eating their lunch.

emotions

Happy, sad, angry, glad; excited, dismayed, cowardly, brave. Teenagers quickly go from one emotion to another, experiencing one day the thrill of success, the next day the despair of defeat. Learning to handle these often very painful interruptions in the routine of our lives, we attempt to respond to each other in ways thought to be more mature, although the daily give and take leaves its casualties from the struggle to polish our personalities. —DP

english

Doesn't it seem strange that the language we have been using all our lives still causes us fits when we study it as a subject? Although a few students enjoy reading and writing, and seem to understand the mysteries of grammar, most of us struggle to remember the basics of spelling, punctuation, and sentence structure. From Language Lab and Basic English to Masterpieces of Literature, students attempt to improve their skills throughout the year. —JS

excellence

What determines excellence? At MHS there are many areas in which one may excel, and in each there are many who do so. Many are outstanding in music, and as a result, our band is one of the best in the state. Others excel in fields ranging from agriculture to math or spirit. Some students excel in more than one area, and those who do are the ones whose names appear most frequently on the honor roll lists. —SG

exercise

The bell rings. Run out the door and upstairs to your locker. Dash down the steps two at a time. Spring across campus to your next class. Fall into your seat as the tardy bell rings. Some may not be quite so dedicated, but around MHS everyone gets plenty of exercise. From the coaches and athletes, who go through complete workouts every afternoon, to the occasional tennis, swimming, or football freak, energetic teenagers lead action-filled lives. —CM

expression

Self-identity is expressed in many ways, from the people you hang around with to the clothes you wear. Desiring to be an individual,

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1 With a look of determination Tony Franco gets his exercise by curling the barbell.
2 In deep concentration, Dede Mark, David Wend, and Bennie Medrano begin their final exam as Ray Jimenez searches for a little help.
3 Learning a new routine, Shelly Avila, Dorcella Aldana, Pam McClure, Janica Emig and Sophia Gonzalez enjoy exercising in Mrs. Broome's seventh period dance class.
4 From the knickers and sweaters of Becky Petty to the loose-fitting blouses and slacks of Sylvia Chavez and Gerri Peek, to the standard lowrider outfits of Eddie Rodriguez, to the sailor suits of Sandi Grover, to the typical cowboy boots, levi's, T-shirts, and caps of David Wend; students' personalities are reflected in their wardrobes.
5 As people vary, so do fashions; here Gary Ranuio shows off his New Wave outfit, Leslie Anglim and Hugo Ortiz display their Preppie attire of pullover sweaters, Verna Chalk wears a conservative ensemble, and Diane Ranuio sports the fashionable knickers.
6 Expressing himself in his own unique way, Doug Hudson enjoys a Perrier during lunch.

you can't seem to break from the crowd. Although you want to be unique, you fear being classified weird. Your personality shows through the way you talk, the places you go, the things you do. But do you have the courage to do or wear what you want, regardless of other's opinions? —LW

fashion

Reflecting their personal lifestyles, students in Panther Society choose a wide variety of dress. The Western look remains popular, especially jeans, boots and hats. But others just slip on their van tennis shoes and throw back packs over their shoulders. Girls stand out in nickers or pants gathered at the ankle. French braids and small medalions on gold necklaces are also popular, and boys add elaborate feathers and fur to their cowboy hat bands. —KF

fees

During the summer the Modesto City Schools Board instituted a controversial regulation: a $30.00 Activity Fee is required from each student before he or she can participate in sports, band, speech and many other extracurricular activities. The reason for the fee is to provide part of the funding required for these programs, but the Band Boosters, charging that most of the funds would return to athletics, filed suit against the Board to halt the assessment. —LG

finals

It's sudden death, or face-to-face with reality. Finals week is easy to detect. It's the only time some students read a book, write a theme, or turn in a report. Despite the Minimum Day schedule, a gloom settles over the campus, as students actually study while eating or waiting for the next class to start. It's the time of big lies: to yourself that you're prepared for the math test, to your English and social studies teachers that you know what the essay questions are about, and to your parents that you're passing all your classes. —BK

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free time

It's 2:10 pm and the final bell has rung. For many it's time to relax, while for others it's 'Miller Time.' Each student has a unique way to spend free time; some rush home to catch **General Hospital,** some to homework, and others to jobs. Nightfall brings a number of new ways to spend time. Cruising McHenry is a favorite; others prefer going to pizza or a teen-oriented night spot, while some stay at home listening to music or reading a book. Nearly all students agree that free time is best spent with friends. —CB

friends

What does it mean to have a friend? It means being able to share your feelings and ideas —no matter how off-the-wall— without being afraid of getting put down. It means having someone whose shoulder you can cry on when times get tough, who will share your excitement in a victory. That's what a friend is, though it's often hard to find one. Once you do, the battle is half over. The second half is keeping that friend. —PM

foreign exchange

New country, new people, new language. That's what faces Foreign Exchange Students during their stay in another country. MHS has the unusual distinction of hosting four students: Birgit Patzer from Germany, Sari Kasarien from Finland, Juan Fernandez from Spain, and Lorenzo Rellati from Italy, who are all on a full-year program, meaning they arrive in August and leave in June or July. While here they also experience football games, rallies, Halloween, and—of course— cruising McHenry. —JK

fundraisers

Clubs and organizations need more money every year. To raise funds, students must think of new and more effective means of gathering money. Some groups begin in the summer, hoping to come out ahead. Frequent activities are the usual carwash/bakesale or selling

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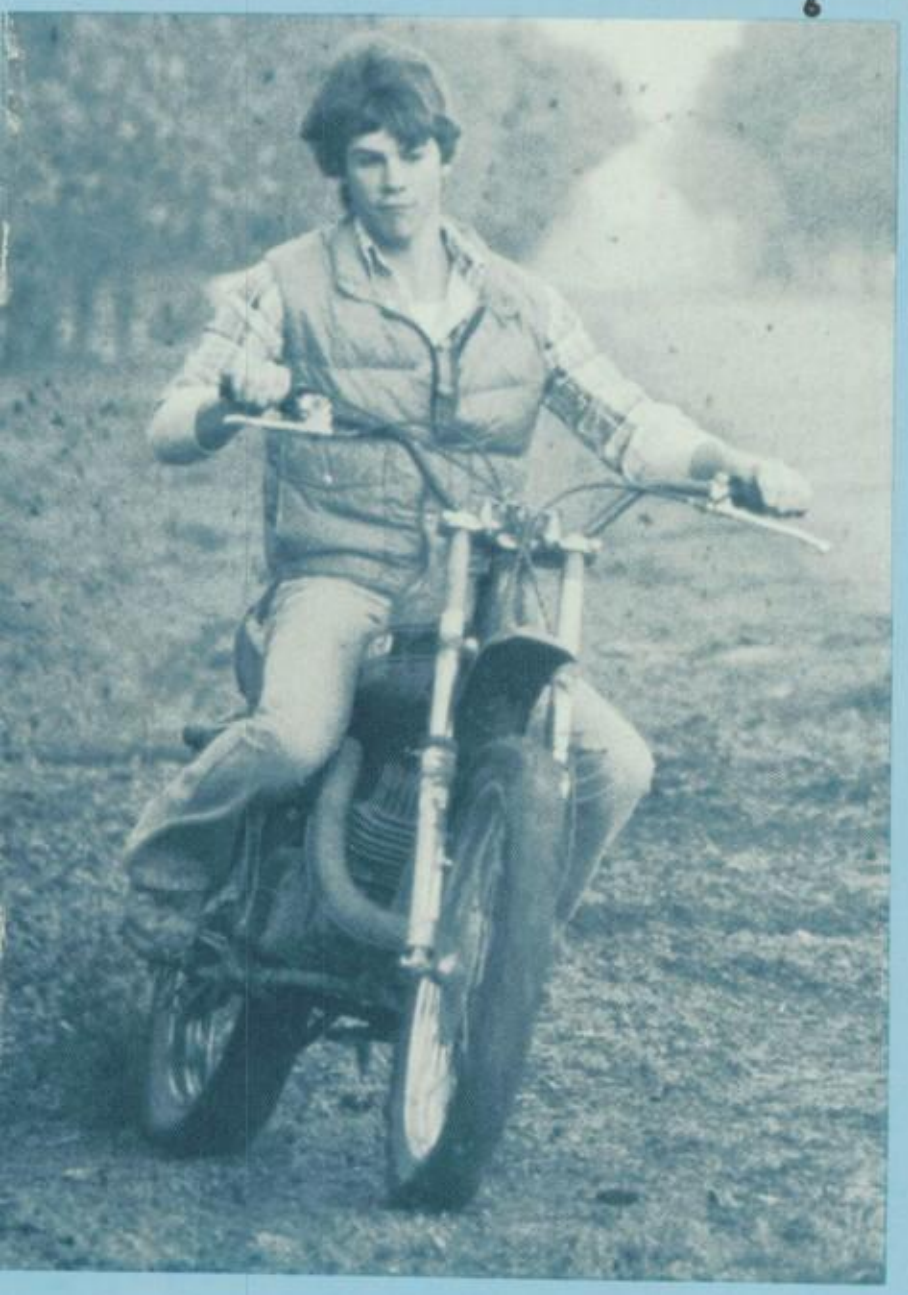

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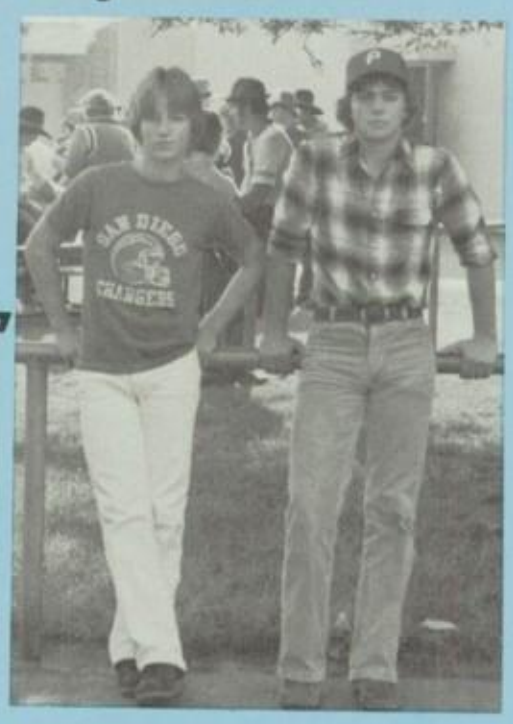

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1 Seizing the opportunity to be with their friends, Geri Peek, Karen Campbell, Debbie Charron and Dawn Hudson meet in the courtyard.

2 Many people spend their free time as Stephanie Wood, chatting with a friend on the phone.

3 Coming to Modesto High from overseas, foreign exchange students Sari Kasanen, Birgit Patzer, Lorenzo Pellati and Juan Fernandez gain insights into American life.

4 Helping to raise money for the journalism department, Jerri Adkins, Leanda Gunter, Jeremy Shuman, Jannette Strickland, Cindi Harrison and David Snyder set a new school record during the Write-A-Thon.

5 Constant carving on the picnic tables is one of the most prevalent forms of graffiti at MHS.

6 Taking advantage of a recent rain, Steve Rosenow lets a little mud fly during his free time.

7 Long-time friends Doug Balmain and Randy Ragar 'KB' in the courtyard at break.

8 After four years, eager grads await their turns to receive a diploma at graduation.

M&Ms. Others are innovative, such as 'Spook-O-Grams' or Santa-Grams,' little messages with a piece of candy. Others include the 'Write-A-Thon,' selling Gift Checks, stuffed animals, and calendars. —LW

graduation

After four years of high school, seniors are anxious for release. As the Big Day draws closer, 'senioritis' and 'upper-class apathy' strike deeper and deeper. Yet when it finally arrives, many students find they don't want to leave. The friendships formed with teachers, coaches, administration, and fellow students are hard to leave behind. Still others, looking to the future and a degree, hasten to enroll at JC or their favorite college, glad to leave adolsecence behind them. —DB

graffiti

A way of expressing feelings for all the world to see, graffiti keeps showing up all over the campus: on bathroom walls, sides of buildings, sidewalks, trees, textbooks, picnic tables, and even desk tops. For some people, writing or carving a message is a way of letting out frustration and anger, or 'claiming territory,' while for others it is just a way of wasting time. Whatever its cause, the service staff is kept busy cleaning it up. —DA

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hair

From the beginning of history, each society has had its own distinctive hair styles. The styles of today reflect the influences of many different cultures, as well as fashion trends. Whether worn long or feathered, corn-rowed or as an Afro, in a perm or the 'Farrah look,' hair styles are an important factor in every student's life. Some students are so concerned with the way their hair looks that they spend time in class doing 'touch-ups.' —JS

hangouts

Every group has its own favorite meeting place: cowboys in the chewing area, lowriders in the main hall by the attendance office, blacks in the main hall by the Panther, and burn-outs in 'Marlborough County.' Other favorite areas include the band hall, girls gym, both courtyards, and numerous classrooms—even the library. These hangouts reflect the interests of those who convene in them, from those dedicated to improving their grades to those looking for a way to ditch class. —DS

1 Displaying popular hairstyles, Jose Garcia sports a 'perm,' Rena Diaz wears her hair long, Patti Peterson chooses corn rows, Greg Risdon keeps his feathered, Michael Dixon cares for an Afro, and Val Butler elects the 'Farah look,' each in an effort to be an individual.

2 As Butch Mendonca, Marlaine Magnus, Beth Moore and Shelly Avila watch with enthusiasm, David Wend leads varsity attendant Dorcella Aldana forward to receive her cloak from Adam Perez at the Homecoming Rally.

3 Meeting in their favorite hangout, Melinda Garber, Debbie Denlinger, Marjorie Boone, Stephanie Garber, Jeanette Howser, Marilyn Driver, Marilyn Wolf and Sue Bauman relax during lunch.

4 During break and lunch Charles Kelly, Danny Long and Bryan Brooks can be found hangin' out across the street 'havin' a chew.'

5 Joe Gallardo, Ryan Dunscomb, Jeff Ribeiro, Sean Henry, Ralph Baldez, Mike Rodriguez, Bruno Spani, and Adam Perez display an array of hat styles popular on campus.

6 Gazing tenderly into each others' eyes, Stephanie Heersink and Troy McCutcheon enjoy the feeling of infatuation.

7 Linda Dyer, Isabel Ybarra, and James Fulton demonstrate different ways to take notes in Mr. Sample's American History class.

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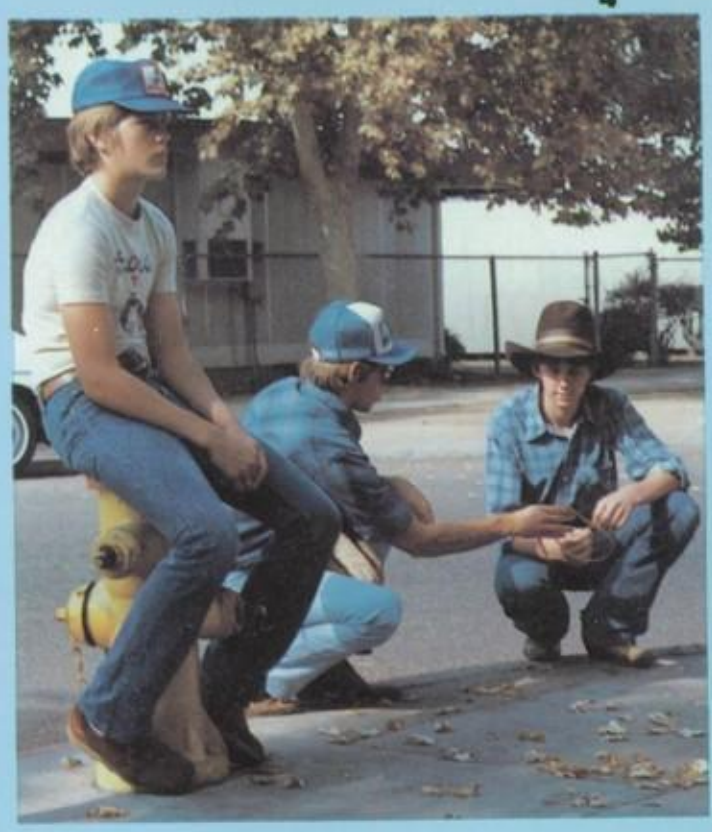

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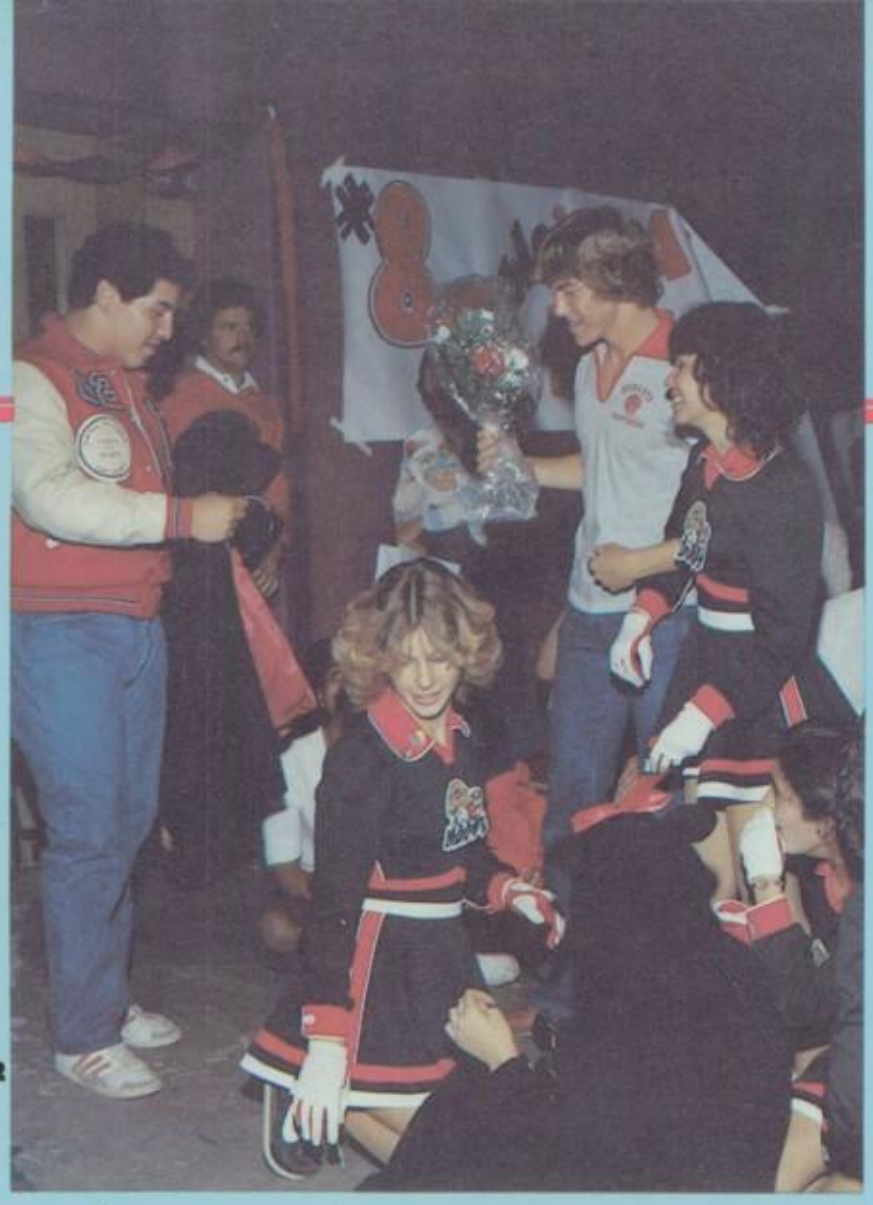

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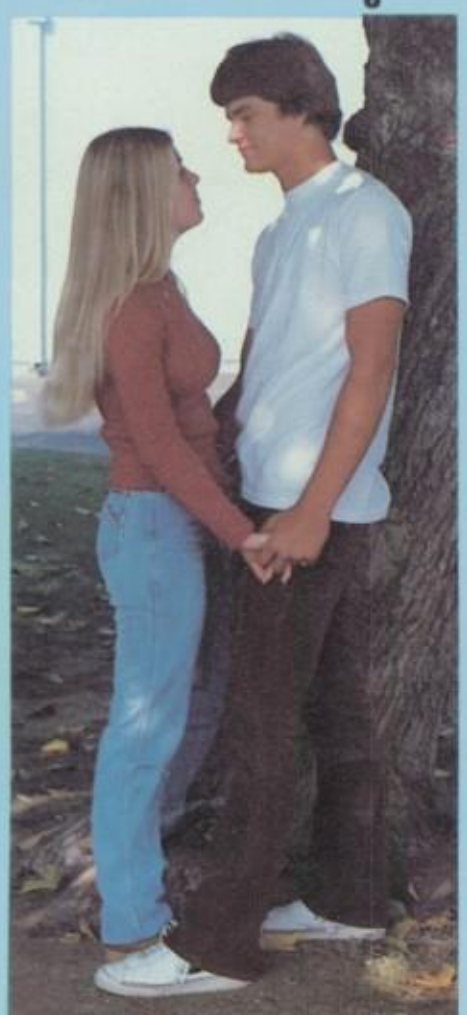

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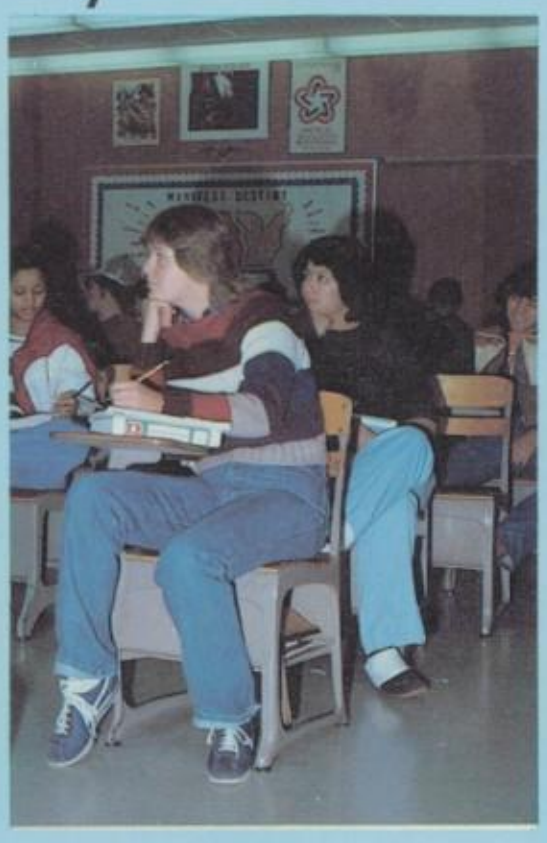

hats

One way to be different from everyone else is to wear a special type of hat. Other people wear hats because they're too lazy to comb their hair. The variety of hats includes cowboy hats of all kinds, baseball and farmer caps, stocking caps, 'brim' or gangster hats, derbies, and touring caps. Despite their fashionable aspects, hats are sometimes annoying, since many boys don't have the courtesy to remove them in class, creating obstacles for film and lecture-watching. —RS

history

Did you ever wish you had been born in the time of the Egyptians, so there wouldn't be so many facts of history to learn? But, having been born too late, you have to endure a two-semester torture course of memorizing boring facts that most students couldn't care less about. Why do we do it? Maybe it's because we're secretly hoping to become a part of the history the next generation will study. —DS

homecoming

A long-standing, highly-anticipated tradition, the red carpet is rolled out, the roses collected, and those 'special people' chosen as queens find themsleves in the spotlight at homecoming. From the moment their names are announced at the rally, excitement is intense. Pride and school spirit rise together to a peak at the homecoming game, always one of the best-attended sporting events of the year. —RS

honor roll

Many students at MHS struggle to achieve a decent grade point average. These students can often be found hanging around the quiet corners of our local library, racking their brains to complete assignments and study for an upcoming test. If they achieve an average of 3.0 or higher for the quarter, they receive an Honor Roll membership card, a small token to remind them where their migraines started. —VC

Infatuation

Deemed sinful and disgraceful by the Moral Majority, and 'puppy love' by others, most people view 'crushes' as momentary. Based on physical attraction, many students change partners every few weeks, desiring only a warm body of the opposite sex. PDA (public display of affection) is considered disgusting by those who do not indulge, including the administration. Oblivious to the crowd, those who do indulge continue to hug and kiss in front of everybody. —DS

Inflation

"Man, it sure is good to have a paycheck again." "Whatcha gonna spend it on?" "Well, I gotta put gas in the car, buy tickets to the game and the dance, and I owe some money for club-dues." "Wow, that's half your check! And what about that $30 activity fee?" "Man, I forgot about that! I guess that'll use up most of the rest of my money. This inflation is sure getting bad!" —LG

Involvement

It touches all students in one way or another, whether they are writing an involvement paper for government class, taking an active part in school affairs, or 'kicking back' and refusing to participate. Many students choose to become involved by joining student government, rally, athletics, clubs, or the student curriculum committee. It is

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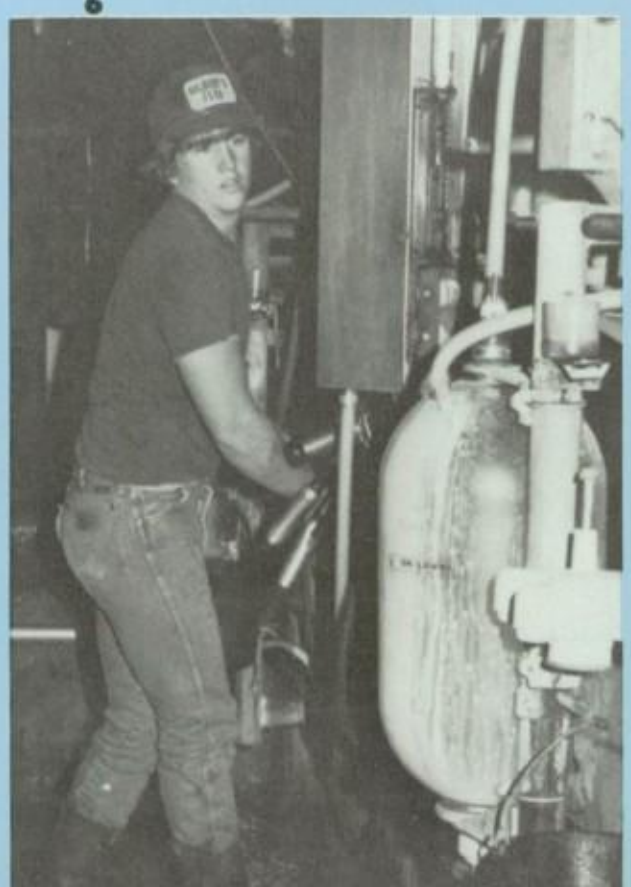

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1 With locker room humor apparent, Dennis Wend, Ed Henriques, Leroy Grays and Brian Nevitt prepare for football practice.
2 Laure Walker tells a prospective customer about the movies showing at the Vintage Faire Cinemas.
3 Always involved in a project, Rally Commissioner Melanie Morrow prepares the main hall display case with a variety of spirit photographs.
4 Bryan Brooks, checking out a $215 pair of boots, could have found them at a fraction of their inflated cost a few years ago.
5 Shutting out the activity around them, Chris Mihelis and Ivan Wyeth slip into a world of fantasy.
6 Students find a variety of jobs, such as William McCarthy, who helps with the milking on a large dairy.
7 After many hours of work, Dede Mark turns in her involvement paper to Manuel Gonzalves.

through the efforts of these groups, and others less prominent, that students participate in the progress of MHS. —DP

Jobs

Though jobs are a large part of the lives of high school students, they are hard to come by in today's world. As more and more students encounter financial needs, the waiting lists in the career center grow longer, and students sometimes have to wait as long as a full semester to even get an interview. Equalling this rising demand for jobs is the unemployment rate, now reported to be 7.5% and rising. —JH

Jocks

How to Spot a Jock: 5'9" to 6'5" in height, well built, good looking (there's never an ugly jock), bow-legged or pigeon toed, bold and arrogant. Jocks can be seen anywhere on the MHS campus, though they tend to gather in the courtyard to re-hash the most recent game. They see the student body as divided into two groups: the elite (themselves and their rah-rah friends) and the obsolete (everybody else). —ST

kickin' back

Relaxation is one of the favorite activities of MHS students. Before school, at break, and at lunch, students utilize every spare moment of the day to 'kick back.' Whether in the courtyards, the main hall, the front lawn, or across the street, students can always be found talking with their friends and relaxing. —JS

kisses

One of the inevitable obstacles of high school life is the couple twined together and turning blue from lack of air. They can be found in the halls or courtyards, before school, at break, at lunch, and even between classes. Disregarding the sarcastic comments of passing crowds, these lovebirds continue doing their thing right up until the bell rings, leading many of the boys to become victims of the tardy policy. —JC

labs

Title, Purpose, Data, Discussion, and Conclusion. Most people have done experiments using such a system for recording their observations, and think labs have only to do with science classes, not realizing that there are labs in shop, home ec, art and music. Even though students in these classes don't 'write up' a lab report, they are often busy all year long on a series of projects. —CA

legs

What sort of image comes to mind when you think of legs? Both guys and girls are wearing tight, form-fitting jeans as a means of enhancing the appearance of their own legs. Some guys prefer to look at long, smooth and graceful legs, while others like slender legs with faint muscular contours. Girls prefer guys with muscular legs, some with and some without an abundance of hair. And everyone agrees they don't like to look at fat ones. —PS

leisure

Relaxation takes on many different forms, depending on the group you hang around with and the length of time you have to spend. Whether cruisin' with the lowriders, havin' a smoke with the burnouts, kickin' back and havin' a party with the cowboys or jocks, or rappin' and jivin' with the blacks, the number of ways MHS students spend leisure time equals the number of groups on campus. —CM

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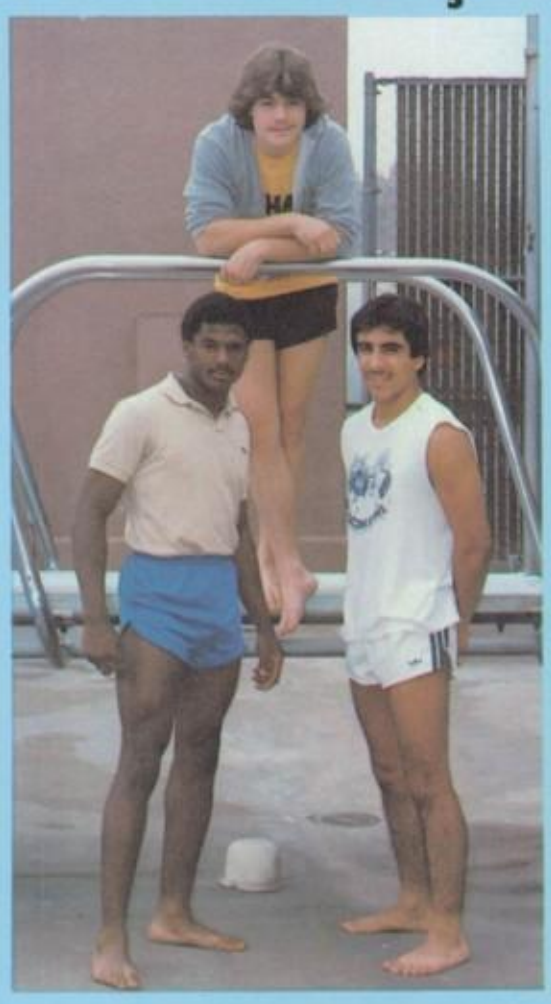

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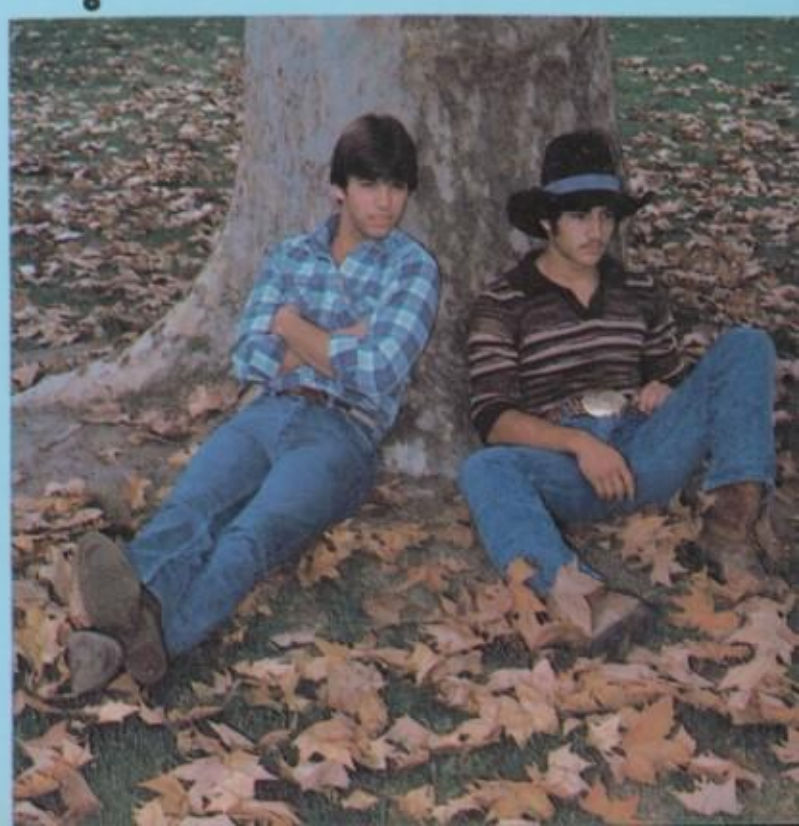
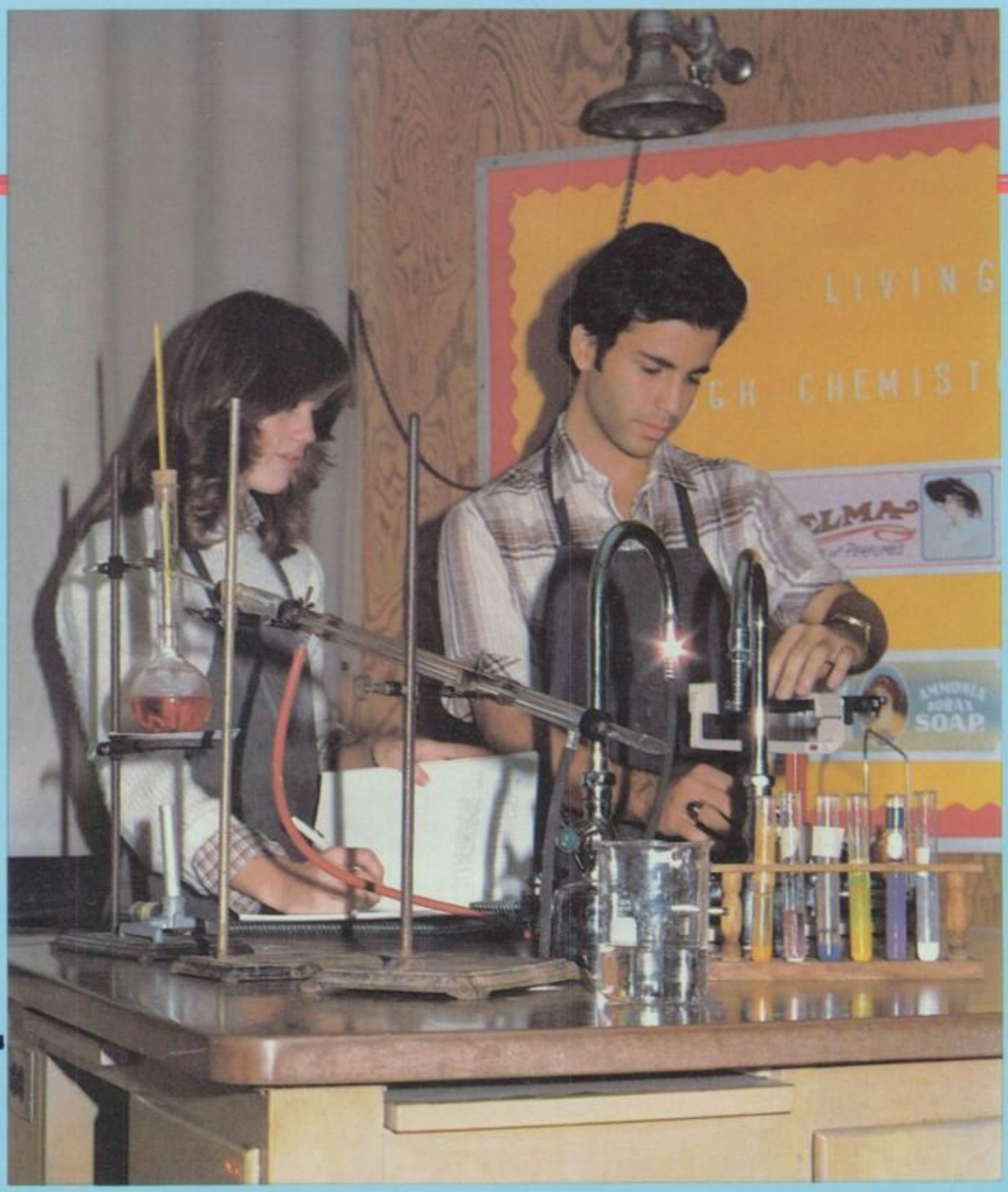


library

Where is the best place to study for the big test, meet your favorite guy or girl, or make up the quiz you missed? The library, of course. Usually sparsely occupied, its population increases or decreases proportionately with the difficulty of homework being assigned. Although the shelves are lined with books of all sizes and subjects, most of them are shunned in favor of magazines, except when they are hastily leafed through to finish a report or assignment. —LG

lowriders

"Hey, esé, what you doin' at lunch?" "Eh, vato, I'm goin' to scarf out at the cafeteria. How 'bout later on?" "I'll prob'ly KB in the halls for awhile, then throw a squint to the side to check out the homeboys." "Orale, esé. Ay te wacho." You can't understand conversations like this unless you are a lowrider. Most lowriders are Chicanos, who dress with a style all their own, speak in a semi-language all their own, and even have a distinct social life, all the while making their unique contribution to the fabric of Panther Life. —JM



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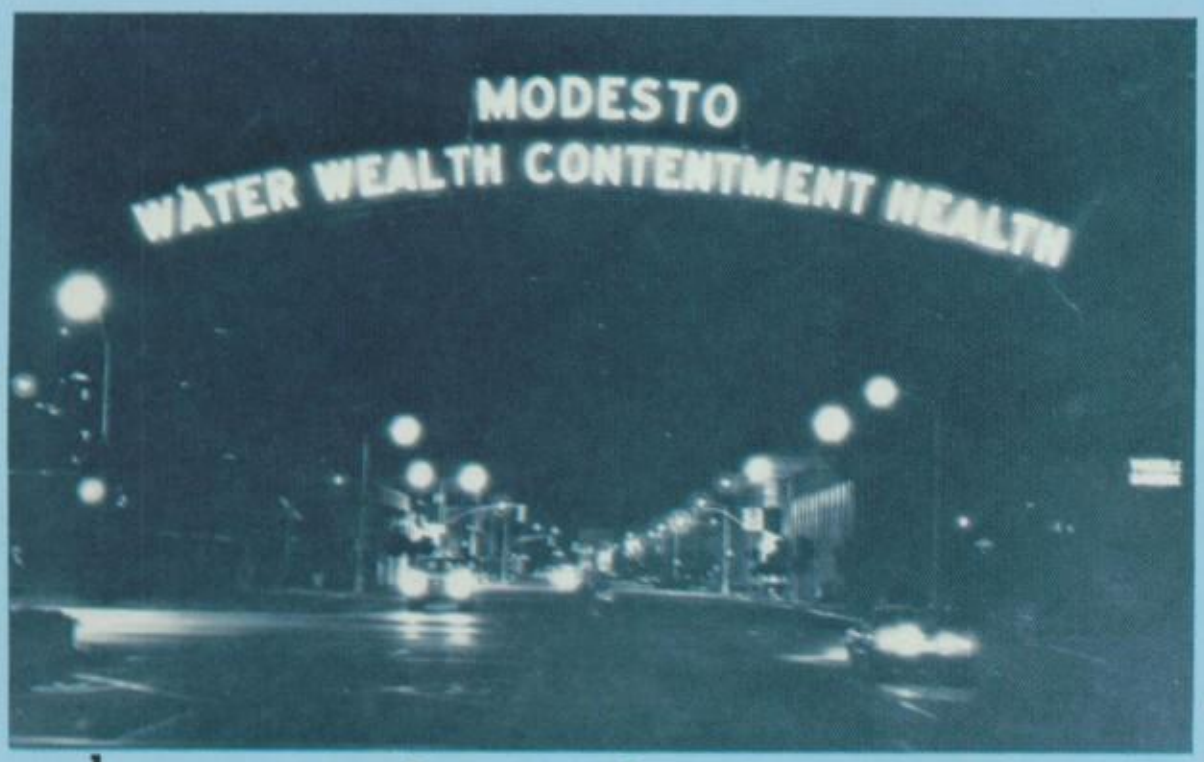
1 Posing along the side of the pool, Pam Ketchum, Lisa Duke, Leslie Anglim, Beth Moore and Diane McHale show off their legs.
2 Leaning against the wall, lowriders Susie Ramos and Marylou Vargas wait for a few homeboys to pass by.
3 Angie Baker watches Cindy Boday mix up the batter as Phylis Mercer flips a pancake under the observant eye of Sandra Chrisco in a Survival Foods lab.
4 During a second period fermentation lab, Marilyn Wolf records the data as Jeff Azevedo weighs chemicals.
5 Standing at the diving board, Scott Tomlin, Gregg Reim and Joe Gallardo show the shape, size, and color of their legs.
6 Watching the scenery, Joel Johns and Arron Fields spend some leisure time leaning against the tree in front of the school.
7 During lunch Carla Gullat takes the opportunity to enjoy a magazine or two in the library.
8 Robert Gil and Joe Lomeli show off their threads at the lowrider hangout west of the Industrial Ed wing.



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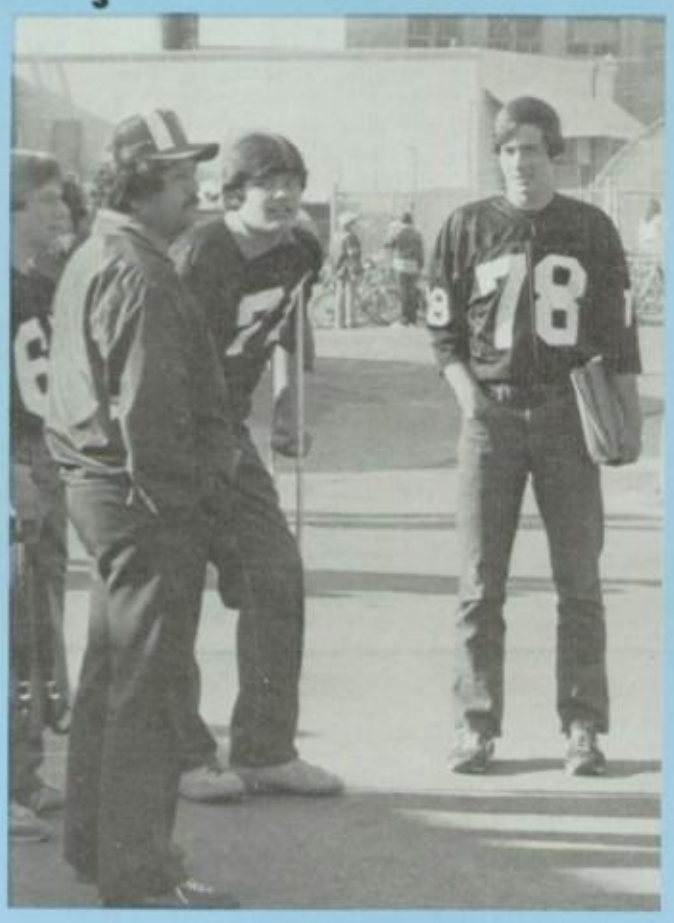

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1 The 'water, wealth' arch is one of the most visible landmarks in Modesto.
2 Practice makes perfect is demonstrated by Maria Oliveira as she plays Beethoven during orchestra.
3 Campus supervisor Jess Garcia chats with John Howard, Mike Lopes, and Darren Teeples.
4 Exhibiting form and physique, Joe Lozada and Paul Borja strain their muscles in an arm wrestling contest.
5 Chips, pies, soft drinks and milk help quench the munchies for Humberto Delgado.
6 Always glad to help, Ms. Westfall gives Mike Ordonez advice on his advanced algebra.
7 Demonstrating the thoroughness of the crackdown on student behavior, Leanne Gordon 'frisks' Dennis England.
8 Senior Lori Strohm leads freshman Holly Beaty in singing "Do You Hear What I Hear?"

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math

What is the square root of – 3 raised to the nth power? How about 2 + 2? Covering a wider range of ability levels than any other subject area, math offers courses ranging from sub-basic through algebra and geometry to analysis. It is required in varying amounts by all three graduation plans, as is science. Many students try to get by with the minimum amount at the basic level, although a few conscientiously enroll in the full college prep program. —DB

modesto

One of the fastest-growing cities in the US, with a current growth rate of 5.4%, Modesto has almost doubled in population in the last 10 years. As a result, city officials are kept busy planning and authorizing new construction. At any given moment in time, there are up to half a dozen businesses being built, and ten to 20 times as many homes. The city of 'water, wealth, contentment, health,' Modesto is also in a constant state of renovation, such as the five-year project on the McHenry Mansion. —JK

munchies

From 7:00 am to 11:30 pm teenagers are plagued by a come-and-go disease known as **the munchies.** While at school this malady can be temporarily checked by a quick trip to the cafeteria, snack bar, sweet shop, or other nearby store. The illness doesn't stop after school, however, but strikes with the unexpectedness of hiccups, afflicting students at any time of day or night. Many a refrigerator has been emptied during a bout with the munchies. —BP

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muscles

Muscles have long been a source of pride, or envy, for men. Those who have them strive to keep them toned, and the others work to build them. The easiest way to do this is to enroll in one of the weight training courses offered through the PE Department. Once having reached their goal of a muscular body, guys find they are a source of attention and conversation, usually among the females. —DS

music

From classical to acid rock, every teenager is influenced by music to some degree, whether listening to the stereo, playing in the band or singing in the choir. Popular groups or artists include Kenny Rogers, Johnny Lee, Merle Haggard, Anne Murray, AC-DC, Styx, Eagles, Village People, Eddie Rabbit, Christopher Cross, Rush, Pat Benetar, Bee Gees, B-52's, Devo, Roger, Teena Marie, One Way, Earth, Wind, and Fire, Cool and the Gang, Slave, as well as classics such as Mozart, Bach, Beethoven, and Brahms. —JK

narcs

They lurk in the dark, or just around the corner, wearing sunglasses to hide their eyes. Though their main purpose (at which they are very successful) is to motivate students to attend class, it seems they derive pleasure from ruining someone's day. Their creative minds have started a new fad: attendance office stuffing! Though feared and disliked by some students, it is generally agreed they are a necessary part of the staff. —RS

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night life

The part of the day in which students do things of their own choice generally comes at the end: night life. Frequently they remain at home, occupying their time with such things as homework, hobbies, loafing, telephoning, watching TV, or listening to music. Outside, they can be found cruising, dating, partying, or visiting one of the many entertainment centers. Night life offers a chance to be with friends and enjoy your own personal interests. —DA

obligations

Everyone is responsible for meeting commitments in many areas. Some may be promises to friends or parents, some may be part of a routine cycle, but all make demands on our time and energy. From attending classes faithfully, many students go on to a part-time job, spirit, or spirit activity, and finally home to relax. But even here daily household chores and homework demand attention, as we discover a continuous stream of obligations. —LG

optimism

'Every day in every way things get better and better.' 'Next year we'll win the championship.' 'Enthusiasm and involvement are growing every week.' Cheerful comments such as these are disturbing to many students, who find little cause for optimism in the midst of apathy and indifference. While many people may mumble something about 'daydreams' or 'unrealistic,' those who hope for a better tomorrow help us all to be more optimistic. —JS

panthers

To most people, a panther is merely a wild, black cat. But to MHS students, it means the school mascot. The term **Panther** is also used to describe an unusually spirited person or group of people, and most students strive to be identified as one of these respected individuals. Panthers can be seen on the flag pole, main hall floor, cafeteria, and gymnasium walls, on Rally days, and at football and basketball games. —JG

parking

Whether you arrive at 7:15 or 7:45, there is always a hassle to find a place to park. The reason is that there are no designated parking areas for students and staff. There are the empty lot across from the band hall, a few spaces behind restaurants, and all the surrounding streets. Thus, those who drive often have to walk two or three blocks after they find a parking space. —CA

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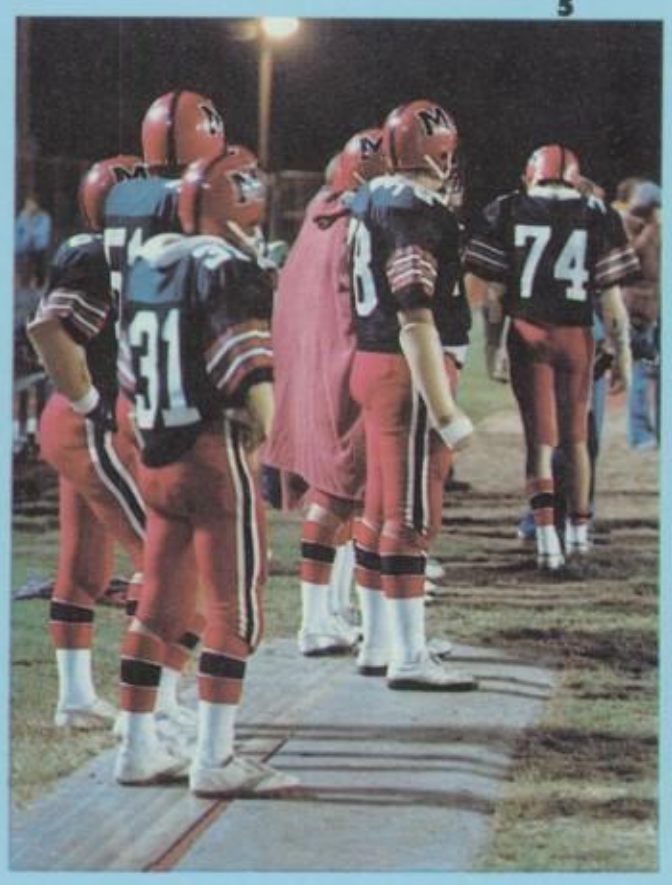

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1 The friendly atmosphere of Shakey's Pizza Parlor offers a getaway for Lorna Hennessee, Cindy Borges, Shelly Avila and Joe Gallardo.

2 The unimproved 'parking lot' across from the Band Hall provides easy access . . . if you arrive early enough.

3 California Avenue, between the Ag Shop and the Washington School site, and another favorite parking area, is due to be closed next year.

4 Fall Mascots Cindy Borges and Beth Moore represent Percy and Priscilla Panther for spirit activities.

5 Varsity Panthers Rich Imfeld, Frank Cardosa, David Absher and Mark Baker watch the game intently, waiting for their chance to join the line-up on the field.

6 Gathering at a friend's house for a game of poker is a favorite pastime for Marty Roberts, Chuck Houser and Harvey Pimentel.

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parties

People are always looking for new, different, and exciting ways to escape 'the grind' and enjoy themselves. 'Getting away from it all' is one of the top priorities for many students. Rounding up a few friends and some 'brew,' and heading for the lake is a favorite. Others prefer a mellower form of relaxation. They get together with friends to talk, play cards, or listen to music. —RS

pride

One of the outstanding characteristics of Panthers is their pride. Although varying from year to year, it has always been present to some degree. The declining enrollment of recent years has had a serious effect on the athletic records, with fewer and fewer victories recorded, but 'Panther Pride'

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1 On Freshman Orientation Day, assistant principal Ron Hill explains the registration process to freshmen Brenitta Norris, Sarah Gonzales and Maxi Magana.

2 Showing their school pride, Marilyn Wolf, Rhonda Howser, Debbie Denlinger, Juliet Costa, Loretta Petty, Gena Moreno, Doreen Jenkins, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Val Butler, Debbie Bowling and Dalinda Angelo yell enthusiastically during a rally.

3 Sophomore yell leaders Leslie Anglim and Michelle Simar do a cheer during a pep rally as Chris Lee and Stephanie Heersink observe.

4 Reading their campus maps and studying their schedules, freshmen Doddy Sollinger and Monica Suarez try to decide where their next class is located.

5 During his sixth period English class, Brian Nevitt takes one of those enjoyable quizzes.

6 Building a 60-foot long banana split, students and friends have a good time a a party sponsored by Chi Alpha.

still flourishes, as students continue to support their school and its colors, red and black. —SG

quizzes

It's a typical school day. The sun comes up, the school bus arrives, and you forget to do your homework. Everything seems fine until your third period teacher announces there will be a quiz over last night's homework. **Panic** strikes but there is no getting out of this one now! Too bad you didn't hear about it at break; then you could have just ditched class and taken the test later. —LG

rah rahs

Two, four, six, eight. Who do jocks appreciate? Fulfilling Panther expectations, cheerleaders worked hard to promote spirit at all levels. Supporting their teams with screaming voices in rallies and games, they helped both players and fans take pride in MHS. From freshmen to varsity; songleader, yell leader, or mascot; rally exec or rally commissioner; all were dedicated spiritleaders. —KF

registration

Every fall hundreds of new students attend an orientation day to get acquainted with MHS. Administrators, sponsors, and coaches describe various programs throughout the year, and student government and spirit leaders give pep talks. On the first day of school you can pick out the freshmen because they are carrying their new red MHS folders and asking where room 34 is, while returning students fight the mob in the counseling office in an effort to change their computer-generated schedules. —CA

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religion

A very real aspect in the lives of many students, religion is evident in many different ways. Each practicing adherent unconsciously brings many of the characteristics of his or her own beliefs to the campus. 'First B' members promote an active youth program through Chi Alpha, and are aggressive in witnessing to others. Dunkard girls are visible because of the way they dress, while Catholics are easily recognized by their talk of going to mass and confession. —JS

rock 'n' roll

Everywhere you go these days young people are listening to the sounds of rock 'n' roll. Whether it's AC/DC or Styx, they're all 'moving' to the beat.' On any cruise around town, you're sure to run into the inevitable, a 'clean machine' with the stereo blasting and the people inside 'rockin' out.' And if you want an experience you'll never forget, try attending a live rock concert. You'll soon find out why the younger generation is going deaf. —JC

royalty

An honor bestowed on a few spirited, hard-working, dedicated students each year, the titles of kings and queens are given at the end of football and basketball season. Sophomore, varsity, and varsity attendant are chosen each time. The secret goal of every rally girl and spirit leader as well as many jocks, being chosen a member of MHS royalty is the fulfillment of their high school careers. —JS

rubic's cube

"Aw, what's the use; no way am I ever gonna line up all those colors. Maybe I'll just take it apart and put the pieces back together right." After spending hours working and sweating and swearing over the cube with more than 3 million combinations, no one appreciates the kindly offered assistance of the 9-year-old genius who can do it in three minutes. This creates an interesting dilemma; should you congratulate him or punch out his lights? —DS

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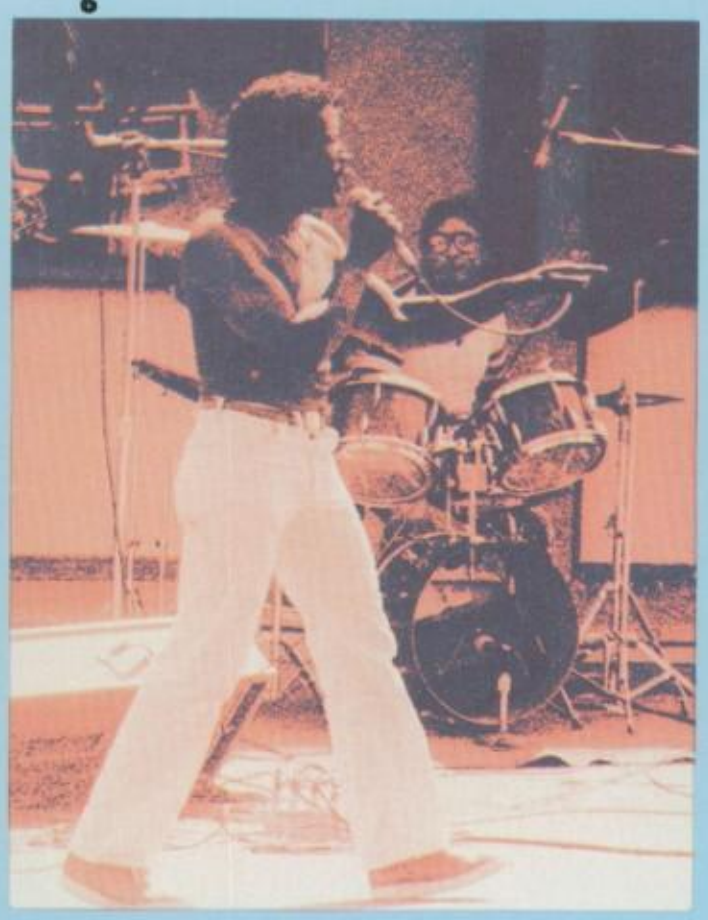

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Student government

To be elected, you must prepare posters and get on the other students' 'good side' so as to receive their votes. But having been elected, you must be open-minded and ready to accept ideas to improve the school all through your term. Student council members are elected for a one-year term; class officers for one semester. Being involved in student government gives interested students a chance to implement some of the things they would like to see done around campus and to express leadership abilities. —ST

Studying

It's going to sleep after reading only one page of chemistry, or doing only one page of algebra. It's failing that test because you partied instead of studying. Everyone has a different style, as well as a different place in which to do it. Some choose the library, others the living room floor in front of the TV, and a few even elect the courtyard. Some sit up, some lay down, and some don't even do it at all. For most however, studying, at least once in a while, is a must. —JS

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1 Masters of the Rubic's Cube, Jason Kanar, Juan Fernandez, Doug Venturini and Philip Shuman compare moves as they strive to improve their times.
2 Being involved in student government, Hugo Ortiz, Shelly Avila, and Shawnee Clark look over possible Senior Announcements.
3 Hanging a sign in the courtyard, Lori Strohm and Tim Simmons advertise for the 'First B'-sponsored Chi Alpha.
4 Michelle Simar takes advantage of a quiet, lazy afternoon in the courtyard to study geometry.
5 Fall Varsity King Jerry Diaz leads the singing of the school hymn to close the Kings' Rally.
6 Lead vocalist from the 'Get Right' religious rock band stirs up enthusiasm among the students at a noon-time concert.

tardiness

If you don't make it in the door by the time the bell rings, you are likely to be caught by one of the 'shadows' patrolling the halls and courtyards. Most students finds it humiliating and embarrassing to be marched to the attendance office like a common criminal, where they must fill out a form and sign it. But the strict tardy policy is achieving results, even if many students gripe. The halls and courtyards are empty during class time, and teachers report fewer tardies in their classes than in previous years. —VC

tickets

I wish this light would hurry up and change. I'm going to be late for class. No cars coming; I'll just run across. Oh, great! A cop! "Did you know you crossed on red?" "Yes, I was late for class and . . ." This is real great! Everyone's looking at me. I'll probably never live it down. My dad will kill me. I don't know how I'll pay my fine. "OK, sign here." Jay-walking tickets, although common around MHS, are not the only kinds students have to contend with. Speeding and other traffic tickets are realities among junior and senior boys, and buying tickets to a game or dance is a regular occurance. —CM, PS

1 Using a favorite form of transportation, Dennis Wend, Randy Ragar, Ed Henriques and David Wend leave after another school day.
2 Holding to the tradition of burying the Downey Duck, pallbearers Junior Shaird, Chris Dunn, Pat Peterson, Jeff Brown, Shane Hodge, Paul Ard, John Sprinkle and Don Coonce carry the deceased duck.
3 Feeling the crunch of the tardy policy, Diane Ranuio, Anthony Lee and Silvia Chavez fill out the necessary forms in the attendance office.
4 A frequent sight around campus, Officer Beuhler cites another jay-walking pedestrian with a ticket: Philip Shuman.
5 Purchasing a ticket to the Ceres Basketball game, Victor Curci awaits change for a ten dollar bill.
6 City buses provide a dominant form of public transportation for Frank Cardosa and many other students.
7 Preparing for action, the Modesto football team unites around Coach Mendonca.

traditions

Playing a very important part in the making of a great school, traditions abound at MHS. Many of them are very old, as befits a school in its 99th year. Others are of more recent vintage, but nonetheless equally cherished by patriotic Panthers. Even some of today's new activities may become the traditions of the future. From dances to rallies to special activities, MHS thrives on the traditions it perpetuates. —SG

transportation

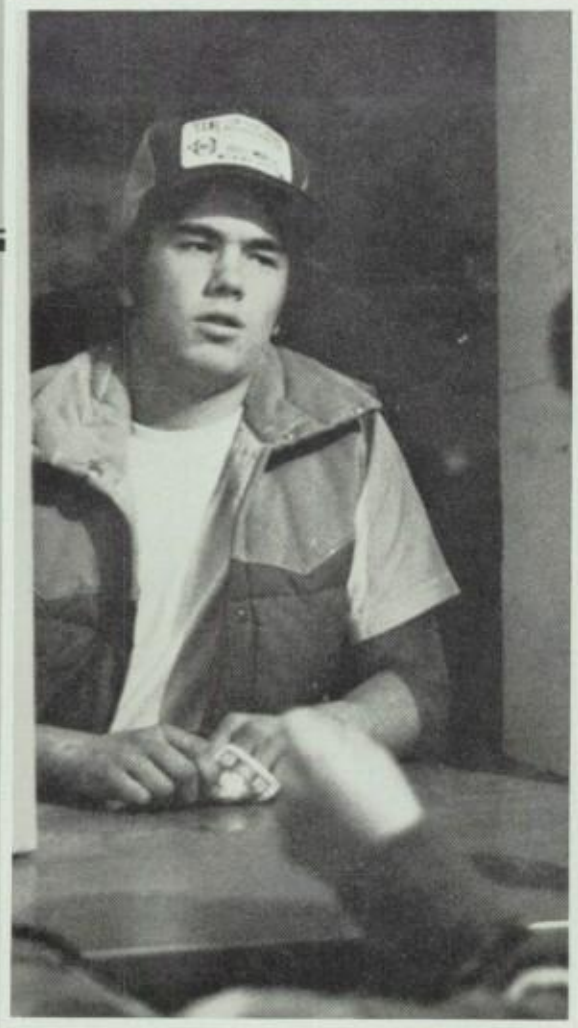
MHS attendance boundaries are the largest of any city high school, creating an especially difficult problem for many students: school bus schedules often require them to leave home an hour or more before school starts. Thus many students choose alternative forms of transportation more tailored to their needs. From two feet to ten speeds, mopeds to 4WDs, family cars to the city bus, students utilize all available means in order to get to school. —JH

traps

Many kinds of perils, some more dangerous than others, face MHS students. Ranging from speed traps to tardy traps to 'man' traps, everyone falls into one occasionally. Possibly the most important, though least visible, is the Medfly Trap, the state ag department's attempt to monitor the success of its eradication efforts against a serious insect threat. —JS

unity

Togetherness is everyone pooling their resources and producing a winner. In spirit, sports, clubs and academics, MHS is together. Combining their talents on the field, team members work in unity to emerge victorious. Spirit leaders dovetail their efforts in order to produce exciting rallies and spirit-raising activities. Through the combined abilities of the faculty, academic offerings continue to be top quality. By unifying all these efforts you arrive at the winning formula for MHS. —LG



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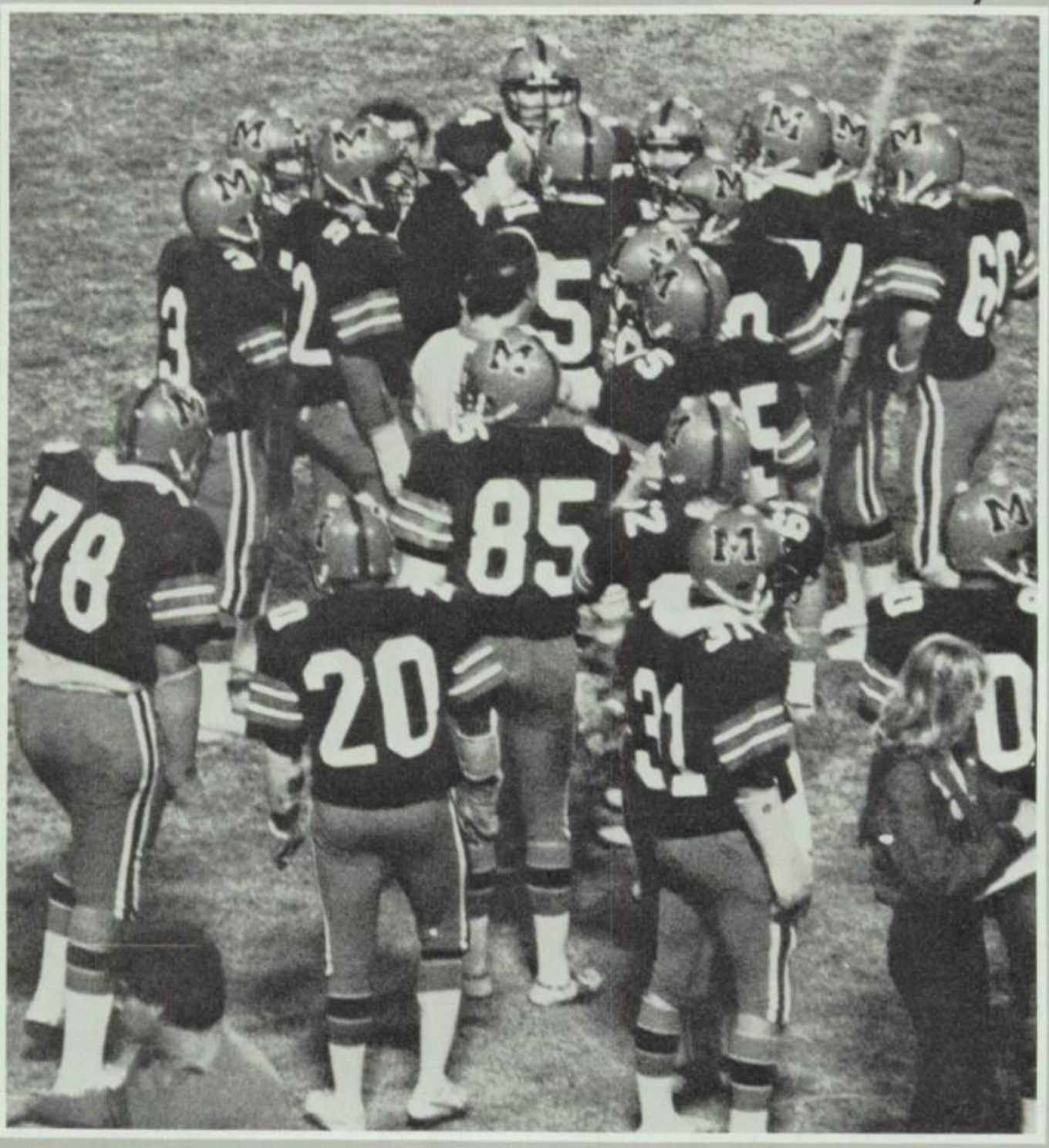

Unique

Being an individual is one of the best assets you can have, because it shows your independence and personality. Cliques sometimes fall into the habit of ridiculing others, apparently getting 'unique' and 'strange' mixed up. But one of the qualities of MHS is that with so many different kinds of students coming here, almost all people (except an occasional **really** far-out 'weirdo') are accepted for themselves. Often, once you get to know them, their uniqueness is what you like the most. —DS

Vandalism

Russia has communism, France has socialism, Spain had fascism, and Modesto has vandalism. This form of rule is not without opposition. Parents, teachers, city officials and even other students seek to put an end to this destructive activity. Ranging from TPing a friend's house to lawn jobs, scrawling graffiti to defacing public property or worse, vandalism takes on many forms, some so subtle that people don't realize they're doing it. —SH

Varsity

The dream of every high school athlete is to play sports. Having struggled through the frosh-soph years, as a junior you become eligible for varsity positions. If, as frosh

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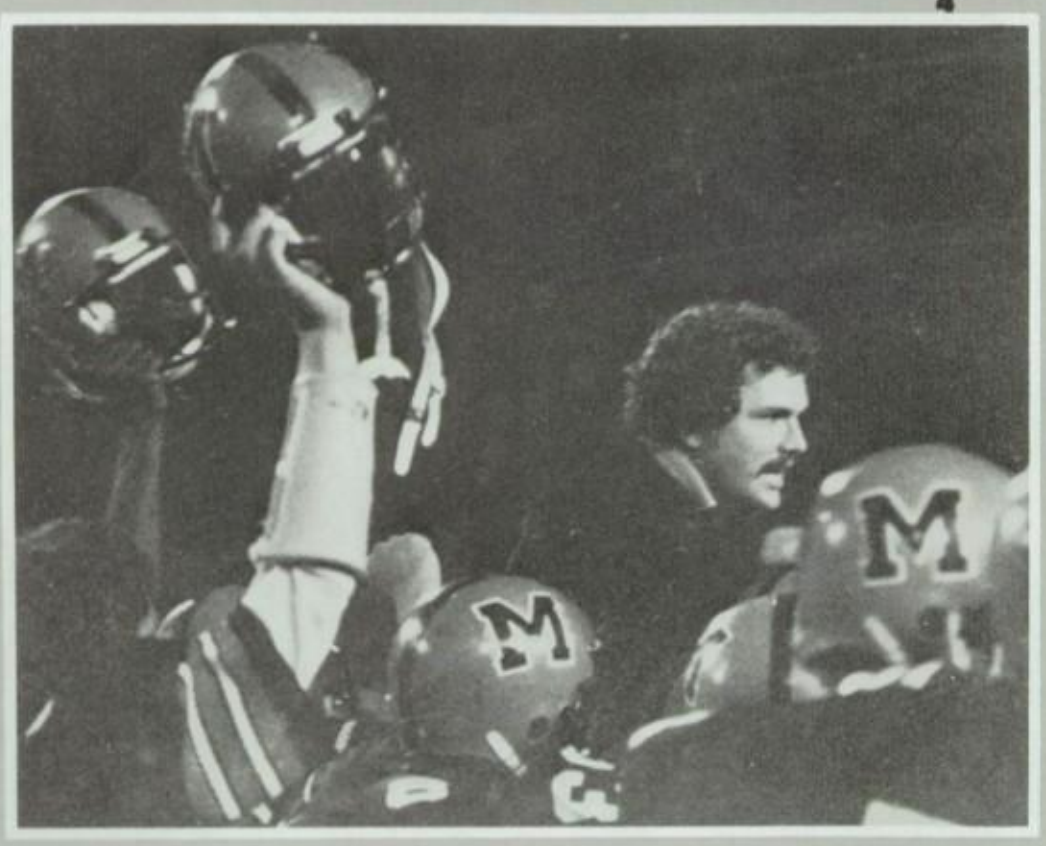

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or soph, you are outstanding, you may play three or four years on the varsity team. By playing on the varsity team you can earn points toward your Block M, and eventually a lifetime pass. And, of course, the varsity games are the ones that are always written up in the paper. —LG

Victory

It's beating the league champs on their home territory, even if it's the only game you win. It's getting an 'A' on the history test when you thought you might flunk. Victory is one of the most sought-after aspects of student life. When students find it, the thrill it brings is a one-in-a-million feeling. There is the pride of succeeding, of conquering, of doing your best possible job and winning, but the best part of all is the celebration afterwards. —DA

Waiting

Hurry up and wait. Lines grow longer and tempers grow shorter. Cut in line and your alloted time on earth may be suddenly shortened considerably. Get there early and wait longer; get there late and wait forever. Come back tomorrow and there's a new line, equally long. At the snack bar, cafeteria, counseling office, or student body office it's the same old story. Just remember: if you don't have to wait for something, it probably isn't worth it anyway. —JS

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1 Adam Perez, Jeff Ribeiro, and Randy Ragar show off their varsity letterman jackets.
2 Fall Homecoming Queen Laurie Bradford rings the victory bell at the Homecoming game.
3 At the beginning of lunch, the line in the cafeteria is often long enough to discourage would-be customers.
4 Following the Homecoming Victory, varsity players crowd around head coach Butch Mendonca.
5 Considered unique by many students, Lori Howell and Kevin Nelson are always ready to express their ideas through clothes or mannerisms.
6 One of the more unique faculty members, Mr. Horton decorated his classroom with dead leaves for the first day of autumn.
7 In an effort to eradicate a major threat to regional agriculture, the state and county ag departments placed Medfly Traps such as this one in many orchards in the area.

Weather

Too cold or too hot, too wet or too dry, too foggy or too sunny; the weather around Modesto is never what people think it should be. When leaves fall in autumn you pull out the rake and dig a path to school, when it rains in winter you canoe, and in summer you ooze down the street, hunting for any available shade. But springtime! For a few brief weeks trees, bushes and groundcover burst into bloom, the bright sunshine is warm but moderate, birds sing in profusion, and this is truly a paradise! —JS

With it

One of our basic needs is to be a part of something, to be accepted, to 'belong.' Today, being a part of the group means you go where everyone else goes, like what everyone else likes, wear what everyone else wears, and talk the way everyone else talks. In our desire to be 'with it,' instances of individualism tend to be suppressed in favor of the approval of our peers. Rare indeed is the person who can be an individual and still be 'with it.' —JH

X-rated

Ever wonder what **really** goes on in the 'adult' shops around town? Curiosity is a common characteristic of teenagers, yet few are bold enough to attempt to find out. Locker room jokes and off-color language must be cleaned up for the regular classroom, although HBO and other cable TV systems now offer material many people consider too risqué for general discussion. As more and more teenagers are exposed to movies just a few 'notches' away from pornography, the old standards of R and X seem to be losing their meaning. —DS

Yearbook staff

Due to hard work and dedication, the MHS yearbook has consistently ranked among the top books in the nation. Beginning as soon as the last pages are sent to

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1 Loree Oaks, Sabrina Farris and Lori Howell eat their snacks under the shelter of a common umbrella.
2 Paul Klink, Don Porcella, Jason Kanar, and Doug Hudson wonder whether they should enter or just walk by the adult theater.
3 Editors Robert Stamy, Jeremy Shuman and Joe Gallardo plan the 1982 yearbook.
4 Ron Henry waits patiently against the light post at McHenry and Orangeburg.
5 All too frequent a sight is the return of a zero test paper covered with red ink.
6 With the weather taking a turn for the wetter, freshman cheerleaders Charlita Crane, Sabrina Oliney, and Mona Simmons head across the courtyard as Leonard Kaiser pulls his coat over his head and follows.
7 As another game ends, the scoreboard tells all: Modesto has been shut out.

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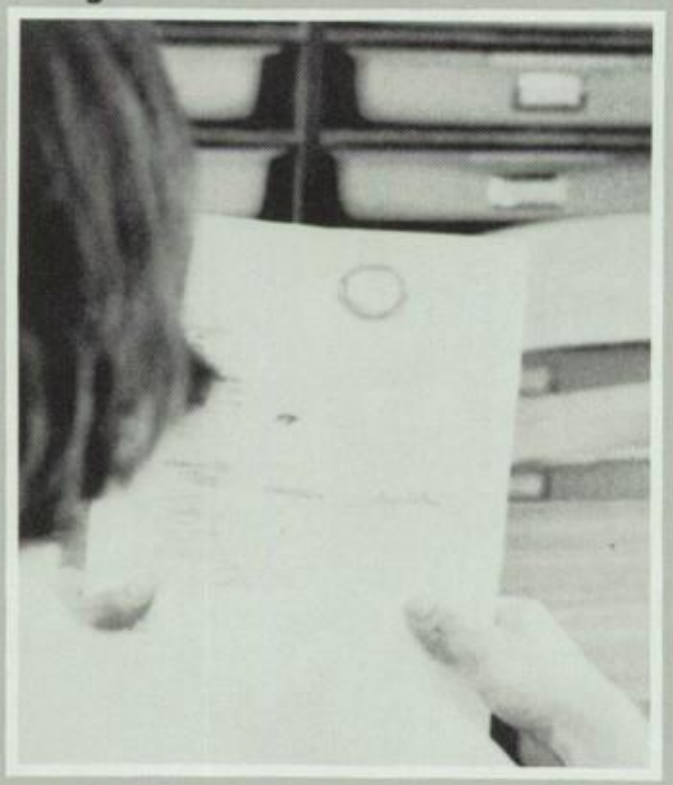

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the printer, the next year's editors and advisor meet to choose the new staff and plan the new book. Staff members have talent in one or more areas: copy writing, photography, typesetting, or layout. In a series of summer meetings, theme ideas develop and the book begins to take shape. By September things are well under way, including the skit for the promotional assembly in October. —JS

Zero

It's the average of the result on your government test, the change in your pockets, and the MHS scoreboard after a sophomore football game. It's the temperature on a winter morning when you're waiting for the bus. Zero is the rating of your blind date when you'd been praying for a 'ten.' Zeroes are like holes in your socks: they're round and show up just when you hate them most. —JM

Zits

Coming over to 'my pad,' using Oxy 10, and enjoying the powerful feeling you get with Clearasil, are three ways to combat those terrible blemishes that everyone keeps getting but not getting rid of. The 'curse of adolescence' is hard to keep in mind while devouring a great tasting candy bar, a handful of cookies, and a package of chips. Despite soaps, cosmetics, medication and ultraviolet lamps, ugly zits seem to be a standard affliction for most teenagers. —DS

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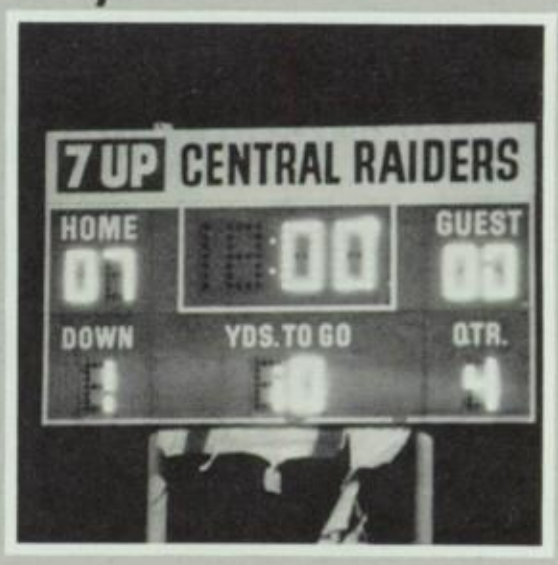
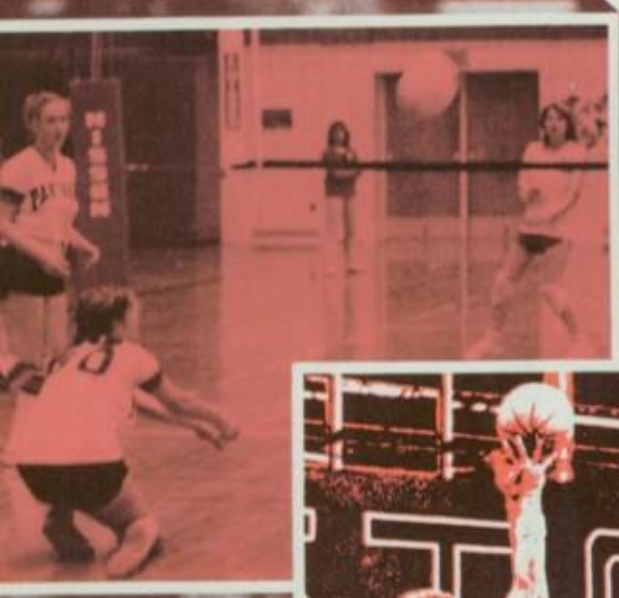


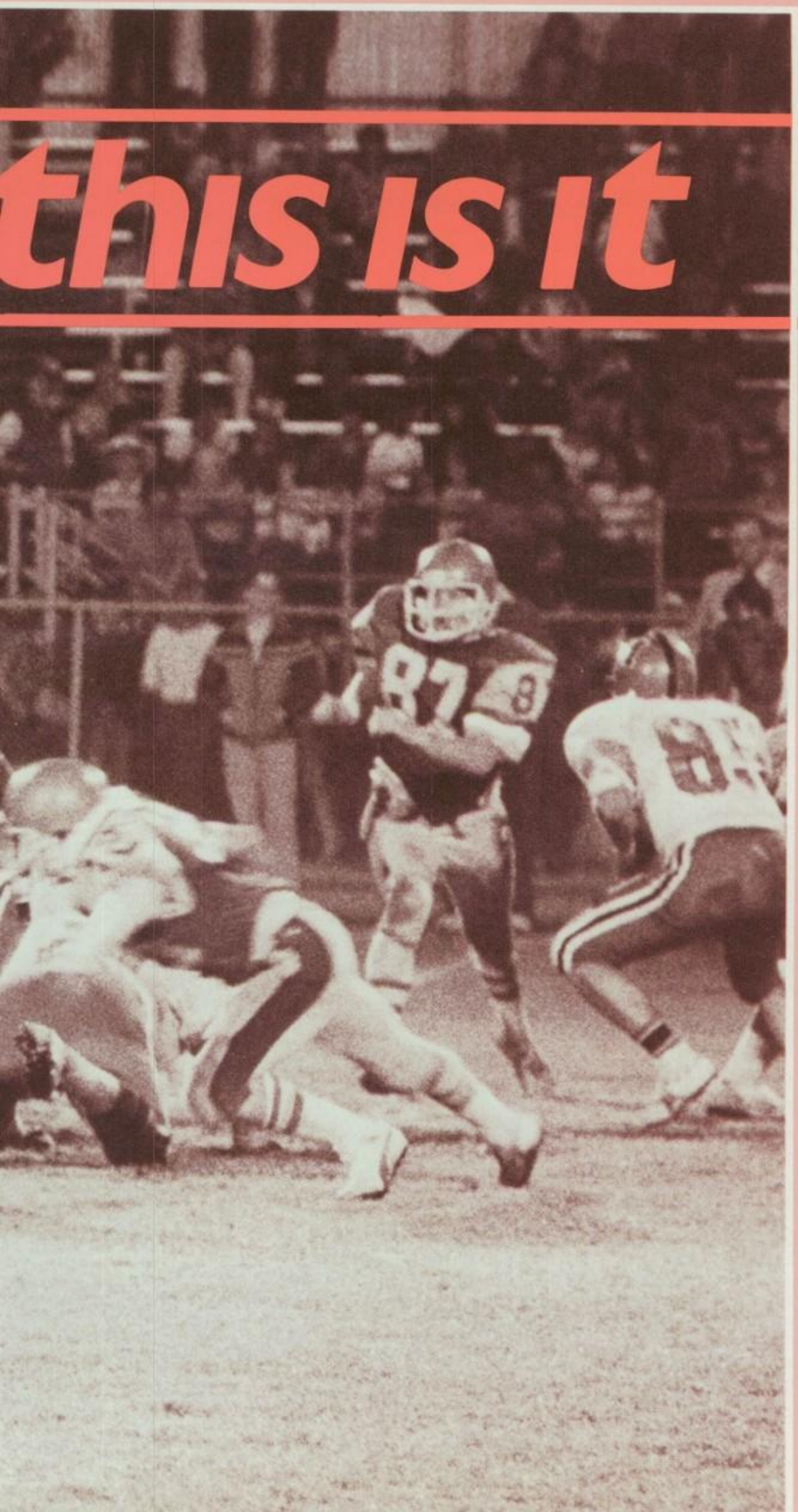
left: Sophomore yell leaders Leslie Anglim, Diane McHale, and Laurie Howell get together on the hula at the Hawaiian Rally.
below: Aided by blockers Jerry Dias, Steve Hawkins, and Ed Henriques, running back Leroy Grays searches for a receiver.
Insets, top: Denise Presley bumps the ball toward the net while Karen Corgiat stands alert to assist her.
center: Felipe Ybarra strains to outreach his opponent while Sergio Harrison awaits the outcome.
bottom: Fall Rally and Spiritleaders anxiously await the return of their football players while kneeling in the halftime funnel.



As in past years, both spirit and sports continued to play an important part in life at MHS. Although student activities promised to provide involvement and entertainment for many, only a faithful few (mostly spiritleaders) wanted to be a part of the action. Most others were afraid they would be labeled as 'different' if they became too interested.

Following a long-established trend, school spirit began to sag even before the conclusion of the football season. In an attempt to combat the growing apathy, the spring Rally Commissioners scheduled a large number of special days to occur throughout the year. Despite the large amount of work that went into planning them, activities and rallies continued to suffer neglect and reduced attendance.

With the implementation of the $30 activity fee, sports participation dropped significantly. For example, there were just 17 members on the sophomore football team, and only 27 on the varsity football team, both



this is it

spirit flounders, $30 fee attacks sports participation

the smallest in recent history. As a direct result, victories became even rarer than usual, as the Panthers often faced opposing teams much larger (up to 63 members strong!).

Following in direct proportion to the team records, attendance at games declined as the year progressed. Forming a vicious circle, the lack of attendance reflected on team performance. Without the enthusiastic support of the student body and parents, athletes found it hard to perform at maximum potential.

Despite these setbacks, MHS students continued to enjoy a wide range of spirit-promoting activities, ranging from dress-up days to rallies to the half-time band show at football games. These provided sporadic upsurges in spirit, and during these times the teams rallied behind individual standouts, occasionally bringing out a wild-card win.

Nonetheless, team members and spiritleaders played out the year, while they gained valuable experience in decision-making, self-discipline and basic skills. Their dedication served as an example for the entire student body. The athletes at MHS have developed a firm determination to 'stick to it,' realizing more readily than others that the important thing is how you play the game rather than the outcome. —Dalinda Angelo

THROUGHOUT THE YEAR

Spirit suffers

Lack of enthusiasm dampens participation in expanded series of dress-up days

Designed to stimulate interest, dress-up days provoked speculation as to who would come dressed as what. Although many students joined in such discussions, those actually taking part in these activities were mostly, if not altogether, cheerleaders. Most others felt embarrassed to take part in such activities and were afraid of being made fun of. "They're not embarrassed by Panther Pride but they don't want to be seen as the only one," said a spiritleader in explaining the limited participation. "Instead of encouragement, there's too much teasing by others, so they don't think it's worth it. This is one of the reasons why MHS doesn't have any 'spirit' or 'pride' left in the school."

The traditional dress-up days such as Fifties Day, Crazy Day, Senior Citizens Day, and Disney Day were all too frequently just like any other day. Often, only the cheerleaders dressed up, and they did it because they had to. In the past, more students were involved in dressing up, but now they would rather be 'cool' than to act a little crazy in front of their peers.

This year for the first time the Rally Commissioners and cheerleaders worked toward keeping the level of spirit spread out through the whole year. Fall and spring sports were allowed equal amounts of rallies, which spread out the dress-up days.

Because of this addition, there were some new dress-up days this year which had never before been held at Modesto High. In addition to the traditional Halloween Costume Day which always brings out numerous costumes, Punk Rock Day in the fall was a popular addition to our list of dress-up days. This day seemed to spark the most imagination and participation. Other new dress-up days the Commissioners promoted were Hat and Tie Day, Button Day, Kiddie Day, Teddy Bear Day, and T-shirt Day. Students were notified of these dress-up days in advance by bulletins posted in all classes, and costume ideas and suggestions were widely discussed in advance, yet many seemed indifferent about their own personal participation.

—Chris Aldana

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1 Mafia 'hitman' Stephanie Heersink looks to gun down yet another innocent victim.
2 'Grandma' Shelly Avila tells 'Grandpa' Lori Strohm, "Keep your hands off, we're in public!"
3 On Senior Citizens Day, 'Grandma' Cindy Borges eyes old Mr. Jones.
4 Dede Mark, Cindy Borges, Carolyn Teixeira, Shelly Avila, Lori Strohm and Dorsela Aldana laugh together at their social gathering, while Dennis Wend looks on.
10 Hula girl Mona Simmons does a dance in the courtyard on Hawaiian Day.
11 Attempting to balance a cup of ice, a burrito, and two cookies in one hand and hold her hat on with the other, Connie Dias sets out for the courtyard on Crazy Day.

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5 Pam Boucher struts her stuff as she walks across campus on Crazy Day.
6 'Punk Rockers' Tammy O'Laughlin, Stephanie Heersink, Kristin Lee, and Nanette Horney dance the 'walk' across campus.
7 Spirited students Dalinda Angelo, Regina Avila, Susan Haggard, Karen Fernandes and Phyllis Mercer show their enthusiasm on Punk Rock Day.
8 Captor Laurie Bradford leads her prisoner Irene Spani across the courtyard.
9 Junior Phyllis Mercer decks herself out on Crazy Day.
12 Sophomore cheerleaders Stephanie Heersink, Michele Simar, Sabrina Farris, Kris Lee and Diane McHale, armed and ready to do battle, await the signal to open fire.

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1 Head yell leader Maureen Simpson leads the crowd in a cheer to get the rally started.
2 Senior rally members Maria Contreras, Cindy Boday, Pam Short, Laurie Walker, Sandy Lubeck, Birgit Patzer and Sari Kasanen show their spirit at a rally.

3 Seniors Irene Spani and Lauri Bradford 'punk out' in plastic and chains at the Punk Rock rally.
4 Freshman cheerleaders Michelle Foust, Susi Campbell and Katie McGrath strike a pose in the middle of one of their many rally routines.
5 In a race to fill the cone he is holding in his mouth with ice cream, Dalinda Angelo calmly drops a scoop-ful in Jerry Dias's face.

DISINTERESTED STUDENTS

Rallies a diversion

Hard-working spiritleaders devote time, trouble to promote interest and entertainment

Perhaps the two most important goals of the people involved in Rally were to get the athletes pepped up and encouraged for the game they would be playing, and to get the crowd enthusiastic and ready to support the players at the game.

On almost every Tuesday or Thursday, a dress-up day was decreed by the spiritleaders. Then, using this day as a guideline, the spiritleaders planned the Friday rally around that theme. One of the first of these rallies was called the Sports Rally. Spiritleaders donned sweatsuits, carried jump-ropes, and did an 'exercise' routine. Some of the other rallies that were designed around a dress-up day were the 50's Rally, where the spiritleaders dressed in bobby socks and pony-tails; the Punk Rock Rally, where they wore plastic bags and weird hair styles; the Gangster Rally and the Okie Rally.

A set pattern for most of the rallies helped everyone know what to expect. At the beginning of each rally the spiritleaders led a warm-up 'pep yell' for the entire crowd to join in. After a few minutes and a couple of routines in which they all participated, the spiritleaders' five spirit groups went into their individual routines and cheers. Usually they put on a skit connected with the theme, and invited the coaches and team captains to 'say a few words' in an effort to persuade everyone to attend the upcoming game. Then, towards the end of the rally, the Official Judges came down, and the Pep-O-Meter contest between the four classes and the faculty began. After the winner was announced and the cheering had died down, everyone lifted their fingers in the 'Number One' position and sang the familiar strains of "All Hail to Thee . . ."

One spiritleader commented at the close of her season, "Being involved as a spiritleader was a great amount of work, but thoroughly worth it." Getting ready for each rally took a lot of cooperation from each spiritleader because practice usually lasted until 4:00 each day. Putting together routines sometimes got a little annoying, especially when there were five squads practicing in the dance room at the same time. Also the question of who got to use what song or yell started a few arguments now and then. Even though problems did occur, it was generally agreed that most of the rallies were well-presented and entertaining.

—Sandi Grover

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6 Judges Ed Henriques, Sherrie Cope, Karen Smith, Beth Moore, Michelle Azevedo and Jess Garcia try to decide which class yelled the loudest in the Pep-O-Meter.

7 Seniors Teresa Chavez and Tim Simmons attempt to win for the Class of '82 in the wheelbarrow race.

8 Varsity song and yell leaders Maureen Simpson, Kim Haarburg, Shelly Avila and Carolyn Teixeira combine for 'calisthentics' at the King's rally.

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9 Juniors Val Butler and Robert Escobar try to pop a balloon between them at a noon pep rally contest.

10 Varsity football players Jeff Mora and Ed Henriques escort newly named queen Laurie Bradford to her throne.

1 Yolanda Madrigal, Mrs. Maridale Smith, Rena Meeks, Ms. Chris Broome, and Tami O'Laughlin try to decide which class has cheered the loudest in a rally Pep-O-Meter.

2 Laure Bradford, Joe Gallardo, Bob Stamy, Dalinda Angelo and Joanne Potts demonstrate How to Tame a Bulldog in a Rally skit.

below, Rally Executives, front row: Carolyn Teixeira, Stephanie McGrath, Lorna Hennessee, Shelly Avila, Joe Gallardo, Jessica King, Irene Spani, Kim Haarberg. **back row:** Erin Wray, Paula Peeper, Maria Contreras, Marlaine Magnus, Laure Bradford, Melanie Morrow, Lolly Tuggle, Maureen Simpson.

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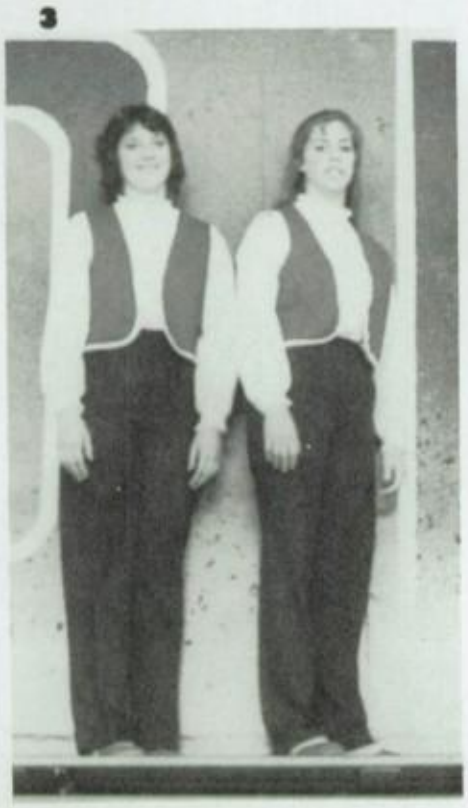

3 Fall Rally Commissioners Melanie Morrow and Laure Bradford.
4 Junior Doreen Jenkins and senior Melanie Morrow work diligently on painting a sign for an upcoming rally.

AGGING
PIRITS

Lack of interest prevails

Outstanding basketball season helps to pick up Panther Patriotism after depth of fall doldrums

Rally began enthusiastically, and the large number of fall sign-ups seemed to show hope for a promising season. Members of the rally stayed Thursday afternoons to paint signs showing support and encouragement for their teams, and to raise the excitement level of the student body for the games the next night. The first games of the season were cheered mainly by large numbers of loyal rally girls wearing their outfits, though later games were also well-attended by other Modesto High followers showing their spirit by dressing in red and black.

Fall spirit days were obvious as many people dressed up. The increased involvement was partly due to the new rule applying to spiritleaders, which required their participation. Students were less reluctant to dress up, knowing that others would be doing the same. Yet the declining fortunes of the fall and winter sports season was reflected in a falling off of enthusiasm and participation of General Rally members.

Fundraising, likewise, was largely a disappointment this year. The few members who did help with the several money making projects could not compensate for the entire General Rally. Most committees started eagerly, but spirits declined as the season got underway, and soon few members were participating. The group still showing life in the middle of the fall was the Turkey Trot committee. The dance was well-planned and the members worked very hard with decorations and organization. Yet their work went largely unappreciated as a disappointing low of only forty couples attended.

As the year continued, Rally became less active. The winter season began its term with nearly invisible vital signs; some weeks went by with no new signs in the halls, few students wearing red and black, and little evidence of Panther Patriotism of any kind.

Despite the inactivity at school, home varsity games were usually well attended. Yet only when the Varsity Basketball Team climbed back into first place near the end of the season was there a revival of the old fiery spirit, as a group of students and teachers formed the "Rowdy Rooters" to cheer loudly if somewhat uncontrollably. Spirits were regenerated sufficiently to produce attendance of over 125 at the winter dance, and to rent a rooter bus to an out-of-town game for the first time all season.

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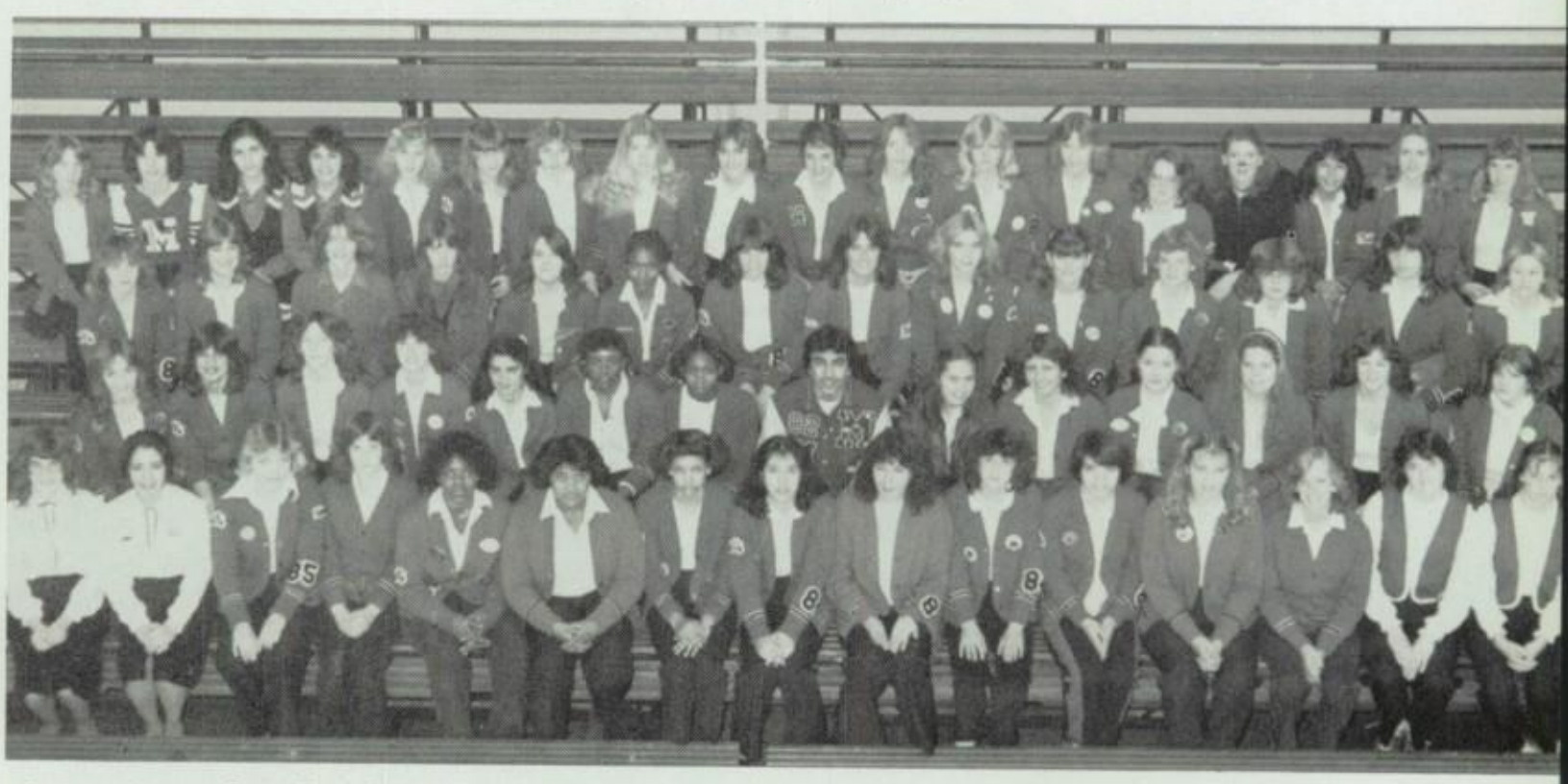
5 Juniors Doreen Jenkins, Tami O'Laughlin, Sheryl Hardenbrook and Val Butler lead a crowd including Jaye Newman, Tina Searl, Concepcion Garcia, Carlos Morales, Debbie Whitworth, Jim McManis, David Absher and Bernita Ott in singing the school hymn.

6 Spring Rally Commissioners Maria Contreras and Debbie Bowling.



above, General Rally, front row: Debbie Bowling, Maria Contreras, Karen Horn, Sherri Hobbs, Carla Jarvis, Rena Meeks, Melinda Lee, Monica Contreras, Danita Swinberg, Juanita Brunetti, Sandra Contreras, Jessica King, Ann Pollock, Melanie Morrow, Laure Bradford. **second row:** Nancy Ragar, Michelle Thom, Stephanie McGrath, Paula Peeper, Yolanda Madrigal, Jacy Lee, Charlita Crane, Joe Gallardo, Lori Thomas, Mary Yandell, Sari Kasanen, Birgit Patzer, Irene Spani, Lolly Tuggle. **third row:** Kris Wing, Cheri Cope, Marlaine Magnus, Kim Haarberg, Lisa Dickson, Pam Ketchum, Lori Howell, Sharyl Mendonca, Rhonda Albright, Sandi Grover, Chris Mihelis, Dana Sergis, Donna Ensey. **back row:** Katy McGrath, Nanette Horney, Shelly Avila, Dorsella Aldana, Christine Beatty, Tracy Weiford, Holly Beatty, Stephanie Heersink, Michelle Simar, Dianne McHale, Sabrina Farris, Stephanie Mattox, Valarie Butler, Donna DeSimone, Sandy Lubeck, Maureen Simpson, Doreen Jenkins, Leslie Anglim.

APPEARING
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Varsity performs

Spirit Camp, 8th period class contribute to successful fall season

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1 Varsity spiritleaders Carolyn Teixeira, Regina Avila, Karen Fernandes, Susan Haggard, Cindy Borges, Shelly Avila, Karen Campbell, Connie Travao, Marlaine Magnus, Maureen Simpson, Kim Haarberg, and Dorsela Aldana set up for their grand finale at the 50's Rally.
2 Head yell leader Maureen Simpson inspires enthusiasm in the crowd at the Davis game.

The problems facing the fall varsity spiritleaders were similar to last years, especially the task of promoting the sagging spirit at Modesto High. MHS was not the only school affected, though, by the city-wide trend of apathy.

Expected to furnish their own outfits designed in the red, black and white of the school colors, come up with new 'fun' cheers, develop lively and exciting routines, and organize other spirit-promoting activities, the spiritleaders began laying their plans early in the summer. The song leaders attended a spirit camp in Santa Cruz, while the yell leaders went to Sacramento instead. Fundraisers were interspersed with early practice sessions, in an effort to be ready for the first day of school.

A few new ideas were introduced this year in an effort to make the cheerleaders' jobs easier. Holding noontime rallies in the courtyard became the standard 'away-game' procedure. Changing the spirit class from 7th to 8th period was another of the more obvious innovations. On Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday the frosh, soph and varsity spirit squads convened in the dance room after school for a few hours of exercise, drill, practice, and advice. Mrs. Carolyn Leathers gave up her afternoons to stay and help, and the results were obvious as the routines continued to be of top quality throughout the season.

Since anyone failing to show up for a practice was automatically excluded from the next week's rally, attendance was excellent at the afternoon sessions, since few wanted to be left out.

In order to help spread enthusiasm among other students, all spiritleaders were required to dress up on all designated days, of which there was a large number. Cheerleaders joined Rally girls in designing outrageously amusing costumes, both original and creative. Although well-received by the student body, few others cared to paticipate with them.

The biggest, though probably the least-noticed, problem the squads faced was a lack of togetherness. The tendency to separate into cliques prevented them from becoming a more united group. Despite this and many smaller problems, they continued to perform their routines well, at both games and rallies.

—Laurie Walker

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3 Marlaine Magnus and Shelly Avila give vent to their emotions at the Downey game.

4 During a noon rally, songleader Dorsela Aldana shows form and concentration, while yell leader Susan Haggard waits for her turn in the spotlight.
5 At the Homecoming game against Beyer, Maureen Simpson, Kim Haarberg, Susan Haggard, and Karen Fernandes await the audience's repeat cheer.
6 At the Punk Rock Rally, varsity songleaders Marlaine Magnus, Carolyn Teixeira, Shelly Avila, Connie Travao, and Dorsela Aldana dance to 'She's A Very Kinky Girl.'

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7 Shelly Avila and Connie Travao demonstrate precise timing while performing their routine at the faculty rally.
8 Noon rallies provide an opportunity for spiritleaders Shelly Avila and Marlaine Magnus to display their routines to the crowd.
above, Fall Varsity Spiritleaders, front row, songleaders: Connie Travao, Regina Avila, Dorsela Aldana, Shelly Avila, Carolyn Teixeira, Marlaine Magnus. **second row, yell leaders:** Susan Haggard, Karen Fernandes, Maureen Simpson, Karen Campbell, Kim Haarberg.

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1 Spring Mascots Dede Mark and Sandi Lubeck show their spirit and agility in support of the Panthers.
left, Spring Varsity Spiritleaders, front row: Marlaine Magnus, Dorsela Aldana, Shelly Avila, Carolyn Teixeira. **back row:** Karen Campbell, Maureen Simpson, Kim Haarburg.

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2 Dorsela Aldana happily yells for MHS during the game.
3 Song leader Carolyn Teixeira participates in one of many spring routines.

4 Junior Connie Travao holds a count during the halftime activities at the Turlock game.
5 Showing style and grace, Shelly Avila kicks high during a song routine.

6 Finishing a difficult routine, Carolyn Teixeira, Maureen Simpson, Dorsela Aldana, Kim Haarburg, Karen Campbell, Marlaine Magnus, Connie Travao and Shelly Avila strike a pose for the camera.

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Combining forces

Varsity yell and song leaders unite to lead winter/spring season as a single group of seven

Since the spring spiritleaders have historically been plagued by lack of interest and participation, and since only a few girls try out for the spring positions, the 1981 Student Council and coach Carolyn Leathers decided to remedy the problem by having the girls remain in service for the entire year. At the tryouts held in the spring of the previous year enough girls were selected to form both squads.

After returning from the two USA camps during the summer, both yell and song leaders seemed eager to use the new routines they had learned, and promote spirit on campus. Unfortunately, by the end of the football season, spirit had dropped off sharply. Spirit days and dress-up days had fewer participants than those held earlier in the fall. It became increasingly difficult to maintain an exuberant attitude of Panther Pride when confronted at every effort with apathy and indifference.

Then, at the semester break, the varsity spirit squads lost three members. As a result, Mrs. Leathers was forced to make yet another break with tradition. The remaining seven girls formed a single squad, with new outfits, and spirit and enthusiasm began to revive. In a unique effort to bolster lagging spirit, a night rally was held at the end of the basketball season. This served the purpose of introducing the spring athletes and also boosting the morale of the basketball team, which was traveling to the sectional playoffs.

One of the biggest aids in promoting spirit during the basketball season was the formation of the 'Rowdy Rooters.' The boisterous group of faculty, parents, and students was organized by varsity basketball coach Wayne McGhee and senior Randy Ragar in response to a challenge from the Turlock rooters, and due in part to their well-organized support, the varsity team won a thrilling game against the Bulldogs.

Despite the problems experienced at the beginning of the season, the girls continued to devote themselves to promoting spirit, and received a lot of encouragement from Coach McGhee. He contributed fresh ideas and made each girl feel that she was an important part of the group. One of their new ideas was the formation of a funnel on the gym floor before the varsity game, to welcome the players onto the court. This helped to get people more interested in the game, as well as encourage the players. —Jessica King

—Shelly Avila, Marlaine Magnus

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7 Spring spiritleaders, led by Maureen Simpson and Shelly Avila, line up for the bunny hop.

8 During a basketball rally, Marlaine Magnus puts a little shake into her routine.

DESPITE HASSLES

Spirit survives

Frosh face fall season without experience, but Sophs sweep city competition

Being selected to the spirit-leading squad doesn't mean instant popularity, but rather instant work, as the fall frosh and soph squads soon discovered.

A few weeks after school started in the fall, freshman cheerleading tryouts were held, with the varsity spiritleaders acting as the judges. Twenty girls turned out for the competition, producing the largest field in recent years. Of these, the best six were chosen to fill the spots, and began at once to work on routines. By the end of the season, they showed evidence of great improvement.

The sophomore spiritleaders had an advantage over the freshmen, because they had attended the USA spirit camp during the summer, an expensive but valuable experience. They pitched in, though, and helped the new squad develop routines and cheers. Both groups attended the 8th period sessions offered by Mrs. Carolyn Leathers, gaining ideas and experimenting with techniques which helped them immensely. Their newly-acquired knowledge enabled them to inspire the crowds at football games and rallies.

Although, as head sophomore song leader Sabrina Farris put it, "cheerleading was a lot of hard work," she readily added that she hopes to return to it next year.

The main functions of the spirit teams, providing class leadership and boosting spirit at school and at games, were met and fulfilled by the fall groups. From the beginning to the end, the frosh and sophs showed great promise and improvement.

—Jessica King

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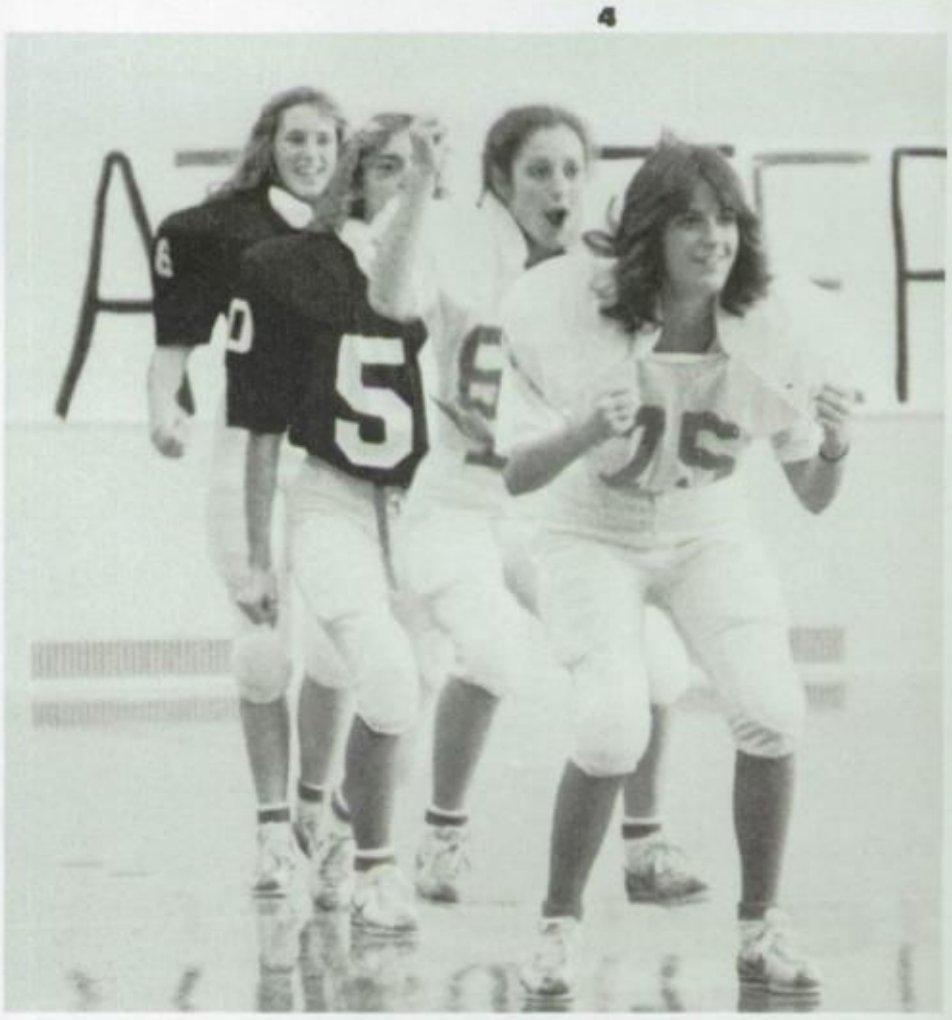

1 During the Atwater Rally, frosh yell leaders Pauline MaAgma and Wendy Beauvais demonstrate their Panther Pride.

2 While varsity spiritleaders Shelly Avila and Susan Haggard watch the jocks, freshman Bernita Norris concentrates on her next move.

3 Sophomore songleader Kristin Lee anticipates a Homecoming victory.

4 'Super-jock' sophomores Leslie Anglim, Michele Simar, Diane McHale, and Laurie Howell flex their muscles at the King's Rally.

5 Sophomore songleaders Sabrina Farris, Pam Ketchum, Stephanie Heersink and Kris Lee perform their award-winning routine at the Queen's Rally.

below, Fall Sophomore Spiritleaders, front row, songleaders: Sabrina Farris, Kristin Lee, Pam Ketchum, Stephanie Heersink. **back row, yell leaders:** Michele Simar, Diane McHale, Laurie Howell, Leslie Anglim.

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above, Fall Freshman Yell Leaders, front row: Sabrina Oliney, Wendy Beauvais, Charlita Crane. **back row:** Mona Simmons, Pauline MaAgma, Bernita Norris.

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6 Michele Simar 'rocks out' at the Punk Rally.
7 Showing awesome form, Stephanie Heersink glides through her song routine.
8 Frosh yell leaders Mona Simmons, Bernita Norris, Wendy Beauvais, and Sabrina Oliney line up for the start of their routine.

1 Doing a jump that's "extra special," Lori Howell, Michelle Simar and Leslie Anglim outdo each other at the Wrestlers Rally.
2 Spiritleaders Michelle Simar, Kim Grimes and Camillia Tillman keep the crowd excited as the Sophomore Basketball Team pulls ahead by 10 points.
3 Rockin' to the beat of another Panther victory are Susie Beckwith, Shanie Bentley and Kim Grimes.
4 Showing their dancing ability, Michelle Simar and Lori Howell swing to the rhythm of "Sausalito Summer Night."
below, Spring Sophomore Spiritleaders, front row: Michelle Simar, Leslie Anglim, Lori Howell. **back row:** Kim Grimes, Susie Beckwith, Camillia Tillman, Shanie Bentley.

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JV, FROSH SQUADS

Eager for victory

Young Panthers re-spark energy on way to CCC victory; kittens perfect routines

'Who ya rootin' for? MHS!" was a familiar chant often heard drifting from the MHS Girls Gym on Thursday or Friday nights during the winter. Combining spirit, enthusiasm and growing experience, the Frosh and JV squads of energetic girls overcame the difficulties of keeping spirit alive at MHS.

Even though efforts to promote spirit were sometimes difficult, the spiritleaders agreed that the experience had been enjoyable and worth all the hours of practice spent preparing new routines for each rally.

The spring sophomore spiritleaders consisted of three yell leaders and four song leaders. This highly enthusiastic group of girls never had any trouble keeping the crowd or themselves going. When the team's spirits were down, they were right there to re-spark their energy, and when the team was winning, it was even easier to be enthusiastic.

These energetic girls weren't always so enthusiastic. Before the winter season began, the quality of spirit and Panther Pride were definitely down, according to Kim Grimes, who said, "Basketball season was just what we needed to pick things up again." Sometimes the time and effort spent in preparing for upcoming rallies and long-awaited games seemed to be just too much hassle, but with the excitement of the games and the enthusiasm of the fans, all the hard work paid off. As Shanie Bentley said, "Even though it didn't always turn out the way we wanted it to, it was worth every minute."

Being a sophomore spiritleader was a great honor in itself, but winning the CCC championship, and knowing that you helped in achieving such an elusive title made it all the more rewarding! Lori Howell exclaimed, "It was the most fun I ever had!"

Freshman spiritleaders sparked continuous excitement throughout the season, keeping the crowd alive with enthusiasm during every freshman basketball game. Even without the aid of preparation camp, the squad, consisting of only four girls, portrayed fine skill and perfection with their routines. Regardless of winning or losing, they put forth unfailing support throughout the entire basketball season.

The winter/spring season is over, but 1982 holds many special memories for the spring sophomore and freshman spiritleaders. They will look back and forget all the pain and frustration and only remember the laughter and good times they had as a participant in leading the spirit at MHS. —Cindy Borges
—Susie Beckwith

above, Freshman Spiritleaders, front: Suzy Campbell. **second row:** Nannette Horny, Katy McGrath, Jacy Lee.

5 Katy McGrath and Suzy Campbell do their part in the rally by leading an enthusiastic cheer.

6 Kim Grimes flows through her routine with total confidence.

7 Grinning with enjoyment and satisfaction, Susie Beckwith gets set for the start of her songleading routine.

SEVEN SELECTED

Queens reign supreme

Pageantry and tradition surround spirited girls chosen for the 'red carpet' treatment

Unusually large attendance, a loud pep band, and a rowdy audience dressed in red and black are sure signs that another royalty rally is underway. Though conducted like any of the other rallies, these are full of excitement and electricity. The energy reaches its peak when Principal Richard Lang steps to the microphone and the drum roll begins. One by one, he pulls the names from an oversized envelope and reads them aloud to an elated crowd.

Most spiritleaders dream of sometime being chosen for the honor, and the thrill of receiving hugs and glowers from the athletes, but only six girls each year are thus rewarded for their spirited service to MHS. Once selected, they are no longer eligible, which gives other girls the chance to be chosen Queen or Attendant.

Elected by a vote of the season's athletes, the Varsity and Sophomore Queens and Varsity Attendant are all recognized individually for their promotion of school spirit and devotion of countless hours to improving Panther Pride.

For the fall season, Laurie Bradford was honored as Varsity Queen for her wide-spread involvement. Laurie has been a member of Rally and Rally Exec, a member of the gymnastics team, CSF, Marching Band, a spiritleader for three years, and a Rally Commissioner during her four years at MHS.

Senior songleader and Rally Exec Dorsela Aldana was voted Varsity Attendant, while sophomore athletes chose Sabrina Farris as their Queen. Head song leader, Sabrina was also involved in Marching Band and Rally for two years.

In the Winter Court, senior Sandy Lubeck was crowned Varsity Queen for her devotion to MHS and Panther Life. Sandy was a key member of the tennis and gymnastics teams for four years, a four-year member of Rally, and a mascot in her senior year.

Sharing the throne as Varsity Attendants were Melanie Morrow and Marlaine Magnus. Melanie was also an important four-year member of the gymnastics team, a Rally Commissioner, and a mascot in her junior year. Marlaine has twice been a spiritleader and actively involved in Rally and promoting spirit at MHS.

Sophomore Queen was Diane McHale, who has been active in Rally and a spiritleader for two years. She has also been involved in girls basketball and softball, and a member of several clubs.

—Karen Fernandes

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1 Fall Varsity Queen Laure Bradford sheds a tear during her moment of glory.
2 Varsity Attendants Marlaine Magnus and Melanie Morrow join in a chant to inspire the crowd.
3 Winter Royalty give their applause to athletes who attended the sports banquet.
4 Sophomore Queen Sabrina Farris is thrilled as she is escorted to her throne.
5 Dorsela Aldana poses proudly as Varsity Attendant.
6 Sandy Lubeck, Melanie Morrow and Marlaine Magnus sing the school hymn with pride.

Spring Royalty

Sandy Lubeck
varsity queen

Marlaine Magnus
varsity attendant

Diane McHale
sophomore queen

Fall Royalty

Dorsela Aldana
varsity attendant

Sabrina Farris
sophomore queen

Laurie Bradford
varsity queen

Fall Royalty

Joe Gallardo
varsity attendant

Joey Henriques
sophomore king

Jerry Dias
varsity king

Spring Royalty

Ron Dixon
sophomore king

Sergio Harrison
varsity attendant

Randy Ragar
varsity king

'SUPER PANTHERS'

Kings crowned

Athletes honored for personality, outstanding service to student body

Involvement was one of the essential elements in the drive to preserve and spread Panther Spirit at MHS. Both on and off school grounds, many dedicated male students devoted their time and efforts to promoting Panther Pride. Yet of all those who gave so freely of their time and energies, only a select few were chosen by the members of Rally for a special honor: Men's Royalty.

The universally acclaimed distinction of being elected King left an unforgettable experience in the memories of six more Modesto High men, during the Fall and Winter Sports Season. Whether winning or losing, these athletes were always willing to work and showed eagerness in various ways of promoting spirit.

Jerry Dias was chosen as the Fall Varsity King, following two years of soccer, three years of football, and one year of track. Jerry was also in Rally.

Fall Varsity Attendant Joe Gallardo served three years in football, in soccer and in track, one year in baseball, two years in Rally, and was a member of MASA. In addition, he was also the layout editor in his second year as a member of the **Sycamore** staff.

An outstanding and unique personality proved valuable to Fall Sophomore King Joey Henriques.

At the top of the winter court, Randy Ragar wore the Varsity King's garland. Playing freshman baseball, sophomore football, and three years of varsity baseball, as well as helping to organize the 'Rowdy Rooters' for basketball, Randy was well deserving of the position.

Junior Sergio Harrison won the honor of Varsity Attendant. He has been an active member of athletics, devoting one year to baseball and two years to varsity basketball.

Stepping into the spot of Sophomore King was Ron Dixon. Ron was a member of the freshman basketball team and in his sophomore year he was moved up to a starting position on the varsity team, a seldom-seen occurance. In sports, as in everything else, he was always full of drive and enthusiasm.

To be crowned king before leaving school has become the secret desire of many boys. Yet to be chosen for this honor one must be more than just a good athlete. It may be partly looks, partly personality; but even more, it is commitment, involvement, and dedication to MHS.

—Karen Fernandes

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1 Sophomore King Ron Dixon receives congratulations from escorts Michelle Simar and Camilla Tillman.
2 Diane McHale and Sabrina Farris, dressed as football players, escort "cheerleader" Sophomore King Joey Henriques to his throne.
3 Fall Varsity King Jerry Dias is escorted by Maureen Simpson and Shelly Avila to receive his garland.
4 Moving down the line, Spring Varsity King Randy Ragar accepts a royalty hug from cheerleader Dorsela Aldana.
5 Ron Dixon gets a big hug from Mrs. Leathers as Randy Ragar and Varsity Attendant Sergio Harrison accept the applause of the student body.
6 Nervously biting his lip, Joey Henriques ponders the reality of being king.

First-half powerhouse falters in second stanza

For a team with hopes for the league championship, a losing season is hard to stomach. Such was the fate of the Varsity Football Team, who ended their season 2-7 overall, and 1-5 for a last place tie in league play.

This record seems especially strange since the Panthers were expected to be able to roll up 300 yards per game. Despite their poor results, the 27-man team was a feared opponent all season long. This was due in part to the consistent play of senior linebacker Ed Henriques and defensive backs Scott Tomlin and Jeff Mora, and offensive backs Jerry Dias and Scott Tomlin. The offensive line was supported by seniors Adam Perez, Jeff Ribeiro, Mark Baker, Greg Risdon, Steve Hawkins, and junior Joe Mendonza, while the footwork of receivers Felipe Ibarra, David Wend, Jeff Cagle, Joey Stowers, and Mike Dixon combined with junior quarterback Dennis Wend for a devastating aerial attack.

The Panthers' opening victory against the Sonora Wildcats exhibited a hard-hitting team, behind the leadership of All-CCC linebacker Ed Henriques. A game-saving hit by secondary Scott Tomlin to stop a 2-point conversion try capped off the game, in which the Wildcats were mauled by the tackle-happy Panthers. For his hard work in the game, Tomlin earned the **Modesto Bee's** 'Prep of the Week' award.

Though the Cats tried for a repeat performance against the Central Catholic Raiders, they fell to the powerful Blue and Gold 7-0. Following games were often dropped in the fourth quarter, when the spent team fell down defensively against such opponents as Lodi, Turlock, and Atwater, where the Red and Black couldn't seem to use all their potential.

One of the biggest surprises of the season was the devastating loss to the Downey Knights. The fourth quarter opened with the score tied at 14-14, but the Cats turned kittens and self-destructed. In an awesome number of fumbles and pass interceptions, the Panthers time and again set the Knights up with easy scores. The result of this largesse was a 42-14 drubbing for the boys in Red and Black.

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1 Demonstrating Red and Black execution, quarterback Dennis Wend hands off to Leroy Grays who follows the blocking of Tim Blueford.
2 After rolling out, Dennis Wend prepares to unleash 'the bomb.'

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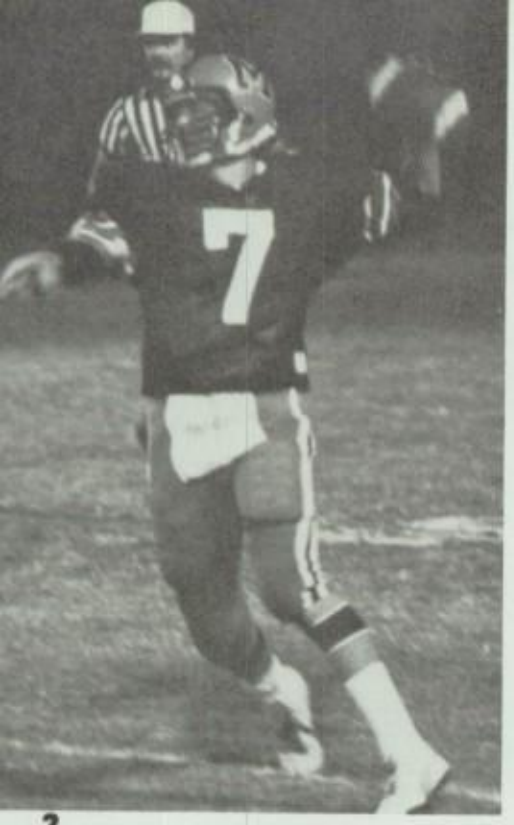
3 Bulldozer-back Jerry Dias accepts a hand-off from quarterback Dennis Wend.
4 Cornerback Scott Tomlin sacks the Sonora quarterback on the way to a 7-6 victory.
5 Lineman Greg Risdon prepares to land a bone-jarring block.
6 Jeff Mora makes a soaring tackle on a Merced receiver.
7 Jerry Dias grinds a few more yards out of a Beyer tackle.
8 Teaming up, Jeff Mora, Ed Henriques, and Adam Perez smother Central Catholic ball-carrier Darrel Reno.



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above, Varsity Football Team, front row: Frank Cardoza, Leroy Grays, Joey Stowers, Tim Blueford, Felipe Ybarra. **second row:** Jeff Cagle, Adam Perez, Scott Tomlin, David Wend, Brian Nevitt, Greg Risdon, Jerry Dias. **third row:** Mike Dixon, Ron Henry, Dennis Wend, Tommy Warren, Jeff Mora, Jeff Ribeiro, Steve Hawkins. **fourth row:** Troy McCutcheon, Ed Henriques, Doug Nevitt, Richard Imfeld, Mark Baker, David Absher, Sam Anderson, Joe Mendonza.

Varsity Football Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
7	Sonora	6
0	Central	7
14	Lodi	21
7	Davis	24
14	Downey	42
6	Merced	20
6	Turlock	7
22	Beyer	7
0	Atwater	7

'The 1981 Panthers can gleam with pride and glory because these 27 men clawed and scraped for everything they could against overwhelming odds.'

—Butch Mendonca

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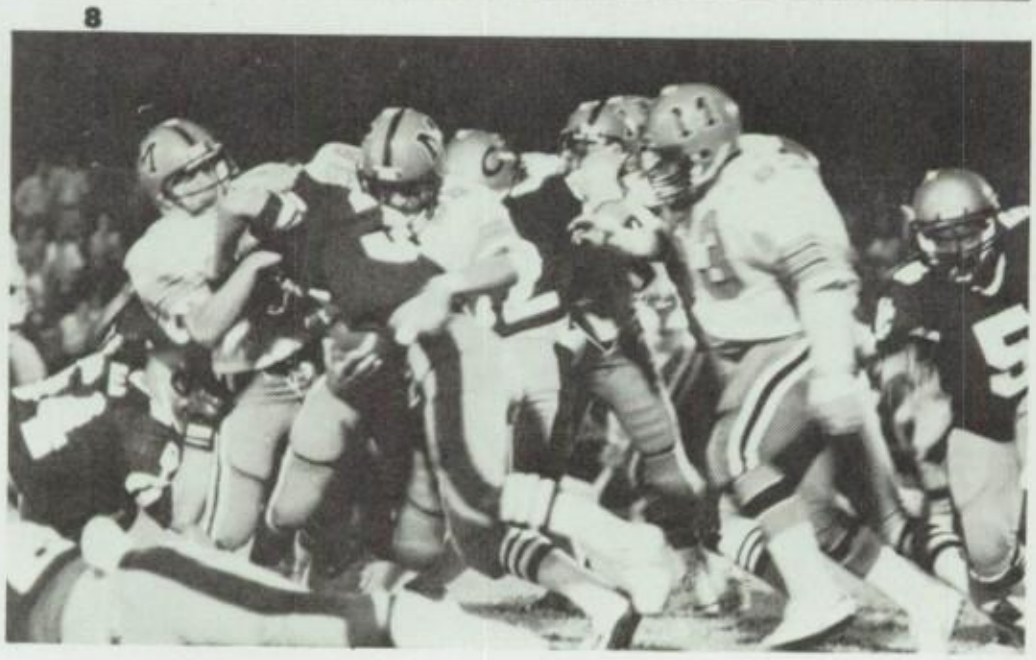

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1 The Panthers' leading receiver Felipe Ybarra makes a sharp break for the right defensive side.
2 Head varsity coach Butch Mendonca sends in advice by way of linebacker Ed Henriques.

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varsity football cont.

Small squad rallies behind standouts

The bright spot in an otherwise bleak year was the 22-7 shellacking of the Beyer High Patriots, thus continuing a four-year tradition of winning the Homecoming Game.

Equally disappointing was the loss of quarterback Dennis Wend early in the Merced game. His kidney injury cost the Cats his services for the remainder of that game and the Turlock game as well, and contributed to the Red and Black defeat at the hands of one of the other cellar-dwellers.

At the awards banquet those players who the team and/or the coaches felt did the best job during the year were recognized and honored. Chosen as Outstanding Defensive Player and Most Valuable Lineman of the Year in the CCC was senior Ed Henriques, who made 10 consecutive tackles in one game. He was also selected to the First Defensive Team of the All-Stanislaus District Team.

Selected to the Second Offensive team were junior quarterback Dennis Wend, also selected as Outstanding Offensive Player, junior running back Jerry Dias, playing his second year of varsity football and averaging five yards a carry, injury-plagued senior lineman Adam Perez, and junior wide receiver Filipe Ybarra. Senior running back Jeff Mora received the Mr. Macho and Mr. Hustle awards. Senior lineman Jeff Ribeiro was chosen for the coaches' award.

Those players who received Honorable Mention were senior running backs David Wend, Jeff Mora, and Leroy Grays, lineman Steve Hawkins, and junior linemen Joe Mendonza and Tim Blueford.

Junior quarterback Dennis Wend remarked that "We are looking forward to a good season next year. With playing in a new league and having players who didn't go out for the team this year joining us next year, it should make a big difference." Though often distinctly outdistanced by such large teams as Merced and Davis, whose rosters boasted twice as many members, the team "played as a family instead of trying to outdo each other." The 1981 Varsity Panthers will be remembered as the team that 'should have.'

—Chris Mihelis
—Scott Tomlin

3 Stand-out back Scott Tomlin runs a slant in an effort to gain a few more yards.
4 Spark-plug linebacker Ed Henriques aces a Davis ballcarrier.

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5 All-purpose back Jeff Mora hands off to junior back Jerry Dias.
6 Defensive back Scott Tomlin snatches a pass from a Patriot receiver.

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7 Junior fullback Jerry Dias easily evades a would-be tackler on his way to another first down.
8 Workhorse Jeff Mora returns a Spartan punt.
9 Felipe Ybarra sets up for an upfield cut.
10 Scott Tomlin nails an air-born Spartan as Mark Baker moves in to add the finishing touches.

Panthers put up tough battle as they bow out of CCC after more than 50 years.

head coach Butch Mendonca

coach Mike Kiyoi

coach John Miller

coach Russ Garcia

coach Van Valdez

1 Panther defensive back Mike Toso drags down a Lodi Flame ballcarrier.
2 A hapless Central Catholic defender finds himself empty-handed as all-purpose quarterback Dino Quinn puts on a few moves.

Sophs drop games in second half due to lack of depth

Apathy and injury took the heaviest toll on the sophomore football team. Of the twenty seven men who started the season, only twenty three remained to complete the year.

Their 1-5 league, 1-8 overall record did not reflect the true nature of the team. Imagine 23 guys playing teams of 40 and sometimes 50 members. Against such depth they could do little, even though they gave it their best shot all season long. Halftime scores were usually close, sometimes favoring the young cats. By the third quarter, however, they were showing the strain, and in the final stanza the battered Panthers slipped under, due to the inability to substitute fresh players. "Our sophomore team had the guts to stick it out through the season," agreed both coaches.

The Cats were led most of the season by quarterback Dino Quinn, an excellent passer and runner, whose favorite target was receiver Keith 'Snake' Waters. Charging their way through the line were backs Sam Cousins, 'Mr. Inside,' and Enos Silveira, 'Mr. Outside.' Opening up holes in the line were Trent Bellew, Vince Martinez, and Darren Teeples.

The year started on a positive note, with the sophs winning two of their three 15-minute offensive drives. Then, against the Sonora Wildcats, they entered the third quarter trailing only 8-7, but continual play took its toll, and the Cats dropped their first game, 14-7. Consecutive games were the same story; a good first half, but a failure to keep up after half-time.

Turlock, however, was the season's exception, as well as the only win. It was a wet night in October when they met the Bulldogs, and gained their first and only victory. Though they didn't win any more games, it was not for lack of trying. A few more players of the same quality could have easily made the difference and brought a winning season.

—Denise Presley

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3 Executing an effective screen play, Mike Toso lobs a pass to halfback Enos Silveira.
4 Behind the blocking of Trent Bellew, Mike Toso, and Gary Hibbs, running back Enos Silveira takes the handoff from quarterback Dino Quinn.
5 Defensive tackle John Klink moves to help Sam Cousins and Mike Goncalves bring down a Beyer Patriot.
6 Sam Cousins snags an interception against Beyer.
7 In water at Atwater, Enos Silveira wades through both mud and defenders.

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below, Sophomore Football Team, front row: Mike Goncalves, Anthony Oda, James Hiler, John Howard, Roddell Meeks, Enos Silveira. **second row:** Robert Ott, Lenny Collins, Brian Anderson, Vince Martinez, Mike Toso, Dino Quinn. **third row:** Coach Paul Abby, Joe Henriques, Darren Teeples, Keith Waters, Trent Bellew, David Lopez, Sam Cousins, Coach Jess Garcia.

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8 Workhorse Enos Silveira makes a sharp cut to escape the heavy traffic.
9 Stop-action photography fails to catch the speed as quarterback Dino Quinn rolls out.
10 Linemen Gary Hibbs and Trent Bellew team up with quarterback Dino Quinn to open a path for ballcarrier Sam Cousins.

head coach Jess Garcia

coach Paul Abby

Sophomore Football Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
7	Sonora	14
7	Central	13
0	Lodi	48
0	Davis	21
14	Downey	21
7	Merced	42
14	Turlock	8
0	Beyer	42
15	Atwater	21

'These guys aren't quitters; the quitters were all gone by the beginning of the season.'

—Jess Garcia

1 Running back John Bonales cuts to the outside to evade a Beyer defender.

Early hopes sour as lack of experience hinders kittens

The MHS kittens came out hitting hard, having fun, and winning football games. The first two outings of the season sported impressive victories over Beyer and Central Catholic. The young Cats capitalized on their complicated plays, something opponents had a hard time understanding and trying to stop.

Going into their third game, the high-flying freshmen figured they were one of the best teams in the CCC. They soon found out otherwise, as a tough Davis squad demolished them with a humiliating score of 32-0. Following this defeat, the Cats never again reached the form of their first two games.

During any given half of a game, the team could dominate play. Although they were committed, they were often inconsistent. As a result, they never seemed to be able to play a full game of good football. Often times, the ups and downs of the team seemed to be due to giving up too easily. In the next-to-last game, against Beyer, the Kittens took an early and commanding lead with a touchdown on the first offensive play of the game, yet managed to lose by a score of 19-20.

The freshman team produced some outstanding athletes with positive leadership skills, including Pat Peterson, Jess Mendoza, and David Wilson. These players were leaders all the way, both on and off the field, in victory or defeat, during the game or in practice.

The new coaches, Mike Pedlew and Joe Lane, started the year with high expectations for a winning season. At the first of September, head coach Pedlew had confidently stated, "I don't think they'll lose a game," and coach Lane commented on the fact that they had one of the largest and most talented teams in recent MHS history. Disappointingly, the Kittens failed to live up to those expectations, as the season record dropped to 2-8. Despite these shortcomings, the coaches don't feel the team's potential has been impaired.

At the fall sports banquet, Tim Gorne received the 'Mr. Hustle' award, while Sonny Nash took home the coaches' award.

—Robert Stamy

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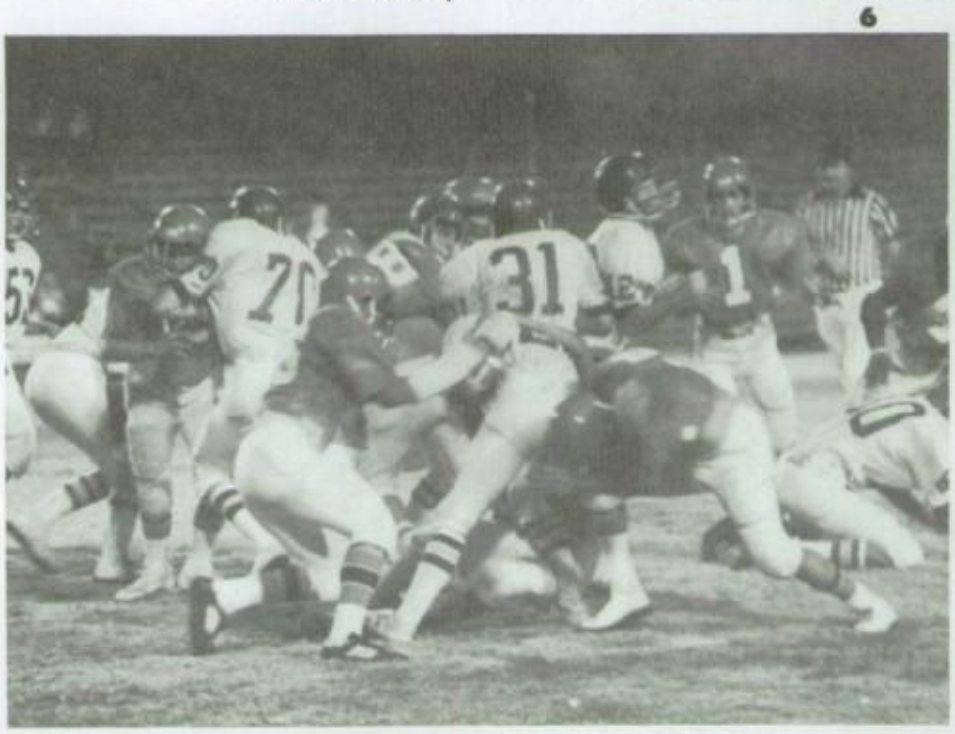


4 The awesome Panther defense snaps forward with the ball, eager to block the Patriots' advance.

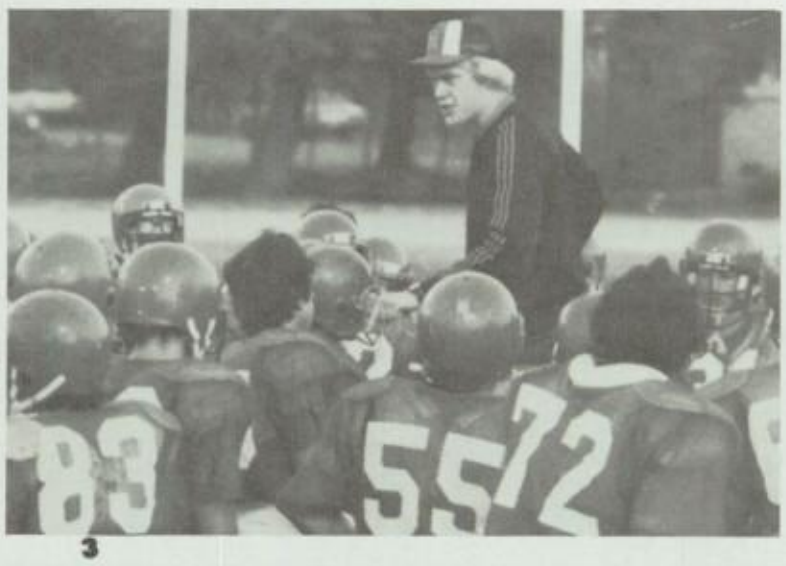
5 Jeff Brown and Junior Shaird meet a Beyer Patriot at the line, as Robert Bolard takes advantage of Sonny Nash's block to gain needed yardage.

6 Hard-hitting freshmen John Bonales and John Perry team up to 'stick a bunny' during the Beyer game, while Dave Wilson moves to give assistance.

7 Behind the iron wall of the Cats' line, Jesse Mendoza prepares to fire a pass downfield.

8 Fullback Morrey Bland skillfully outdistances two Patriot opponents on his way to a touchdown during the first Beyer game.

2 Freshman sensation Pat Peterson looks downfield to find an opening.
3 Head coach Mike Pedlew gives the Kittens a pep talk at halftime.



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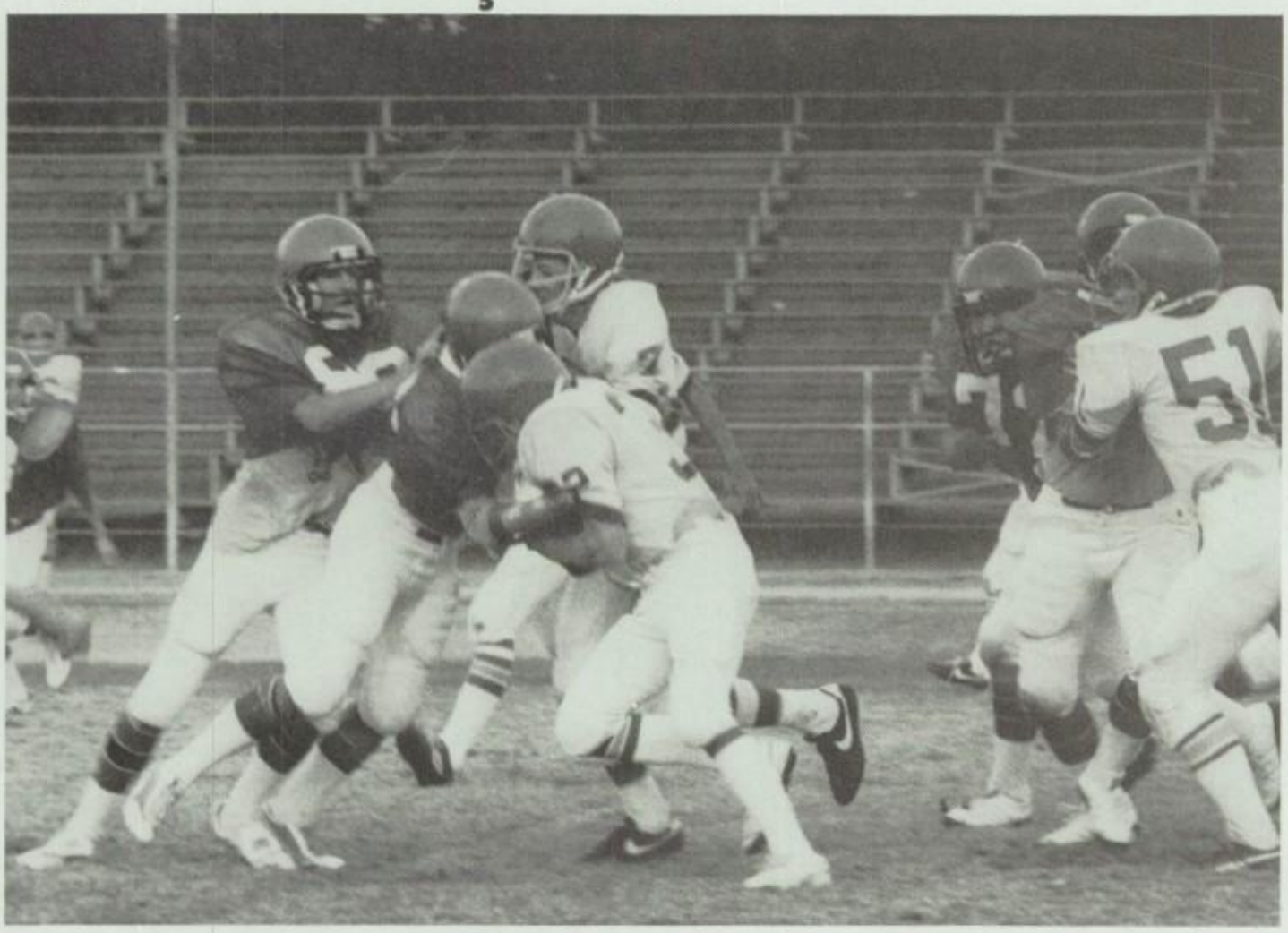

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'I really enjoyed working with these guys. They are a fine bunch of athletes, and I'm looking forward to watching them in the future.'
—Mike Pedlew

Freshman Football Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
30	Beyer	0
19	Central	6
0	Davis	32
0	Downey	9
19	Merced	32
0	Turlock	20
19	Beyer	20
0	Atwater	19

head coach Mike Pedlew

coach Joe Lane

above, Freshman Football Team, front row: Tony Lewis, Greg Holland, Len Wheaton, Mike Kiryakoz, Robbie Gratton, James Aldana, Steve Lal, Lincoln Okezie, Jim Johnson, Phil Medrano. **second row:** Charles Kelley, Guadalupe Angel, Shane Hodge, Brandon Mauksch, John Sprinkle, Anthony Woods, John Perry, Jeff Hardenbrook, Chris Dunn, Tracy New, Charlie Light. **third row:** Richard Gamez, Jim McManis, Walter Sutton, Donny Coonce, Dave Kline, David Wilson, Richard Moreno, Tim Gorne, Albert Cardoza, Morrey Bland, Aldean Hale. **back row:** Aaron Augustine, Shawn Sickert, Jesse Mendoza, Junior Shaird, Patrick Peterson, Mike Bernal, Robert Bolard, Kenny Barrett, Ed Sciarini, Sonny Nash, Roy Cole.

Small CC team works hard to earn impressive 4-2 record

Dedication was a prime requisite for prospective cross-country runners. A second requirement was a $30 activity fee, required of all students who wished to participate in any activity or sport. Many students who might have joined the team were unable to because they had not or would not pay the fee.

Those who did make the team averaged forty to sixty miles a week in practice, using such areas as golf courses, canal banks, and nearby schools. Some ran in town during early morning hours, while others used the country roads or fields near home.

The runners did very well, ending their season with a 4-2 record. They lost only to Merced and Atwater, the two toughest teams in the league, despite the fact that there were only 15 people on the Panther team, and only three girls, Theresa Chavez, Yolanda Madrigal, and Sarah Goncalves.

A new rule made the girls competition tougher: whereas they had formerly run only two miles, the varsity girls now were required to run three miles. JV runner Yolanda Madrigal was an outstanding member of the team, taking a first in almost every meet.

In boys varsity competition, most valuable player Elias Alberto established himself as a top contender by taking first, second, or third in every meet. He also placed 13th in the sections, out of a field of nearly 200 runners from all of the San Joaquin valley. The most valuable JV runner was Carlos Pineda, who received a trophy at the awards banquet. Most spirited player was Jose Ortega, who ran in every meet and gave endless support and encouragement to his teammates.

Though MHS sported one of the smallest teams in the league, far less than the maximum seven members in each team, it made itself felt in every meet, either by winning or pressuring the ones who did. —Sheryl Hardenbrook

1 His face showing the rigor of the three-mile race, Louis Madrigal strives to better his time.
2 During a meet at nearby Legion Park, Juan Alberto concentrates on maintaining his pace.

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3 Nearing the end of the two-mile run, Theresa Chavez begins to feel the strain of the exertion.
4 Hugo Ortiz paces himself against a Beyer opponent.

5 Gabriel Pacheco takes a slow start, with hopes of placing in the finish.
6 Hearing the sound of approaching Atwater opponents, Carlos Pineta endeavors to maintain his lead.

below, Cross Country Team, front row: Jesus Garribay, Yolanda Madrigal, Sarah Gonsalvez, Carlos Pineta, Gabriel Pacheco. **second row:** Juan Fernandez, Hugo Ortiz, Elias Alberto, Juan Nevarez, Jose Ortega, Jose Bonales, Theresa Chavez, Louis Madrigal.

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7 Most Valuable Runner Elias Alberto completes yet another race well ahead of the pack.
8 At the City meet, freshman Yolanda Madrigal pushes for a win.
9 Hugo Ortiz gives a 'kick' at the end of a meet.
10 Pulling away from the pack, Elias Alberto establishes a lead, as Juan Nevarez, Jose Bonales, Juan Alberto, and Alfred Quintero fight for positions.

Cross Country Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
W	Downey	L
L	Atwater	W
W	Beyer	L
L	Merced	W
W	Turlock	L
W	Davis	L

'We did all right for the team we had; we just needed more varsity runners.'
—Elias Alberto

'We did as well as expected, but it was a surprise that we took second in sub-sections after taking third in the league.'
—Hugo Ortiz

Victories over Downey, Turlock net highlights of poor season

Despite all the individual talent and potential, the Girls Tennis Team had a rough and rocky season. Regardless of their disappointing record, which claimed only two victories and 13 losses, the team never became dispirited, although they often lacked full dedication.

Though some of the players were returning from previous years, many were new and lacked experience. The team was led by senior standout Sandy Lubeck, who comes from a family of excellent tennis players, and was by far the most experienced player on the team in both strategy and consistency. The second and third positions were occupied by a variety of players, with Cindy Borges and Birgit Patzer, a foreign exchange student from West Germany who was playing team tennis for the first time, usually in competition for the number two spot.

Often stepping into the number three position was a promising junior, Dawn Hudson, one of the few team members who will be returning next year. The most productive spot in the lineup was the first doubles team consisting of Lisa Simental and Debbie Langerman, who won seven out of their fifteen matches. Taking care of second doubles and substitutions were Julie Campos, Maria Lopez, Diane Keeton, Beth Moore, Geri Peek and Karen Smith.

Even though members of the team lacked size and pro ability, they still proved themselves to be strong competition against top league contenders, with extensive racquet club experience, such as Beyer and Davis.

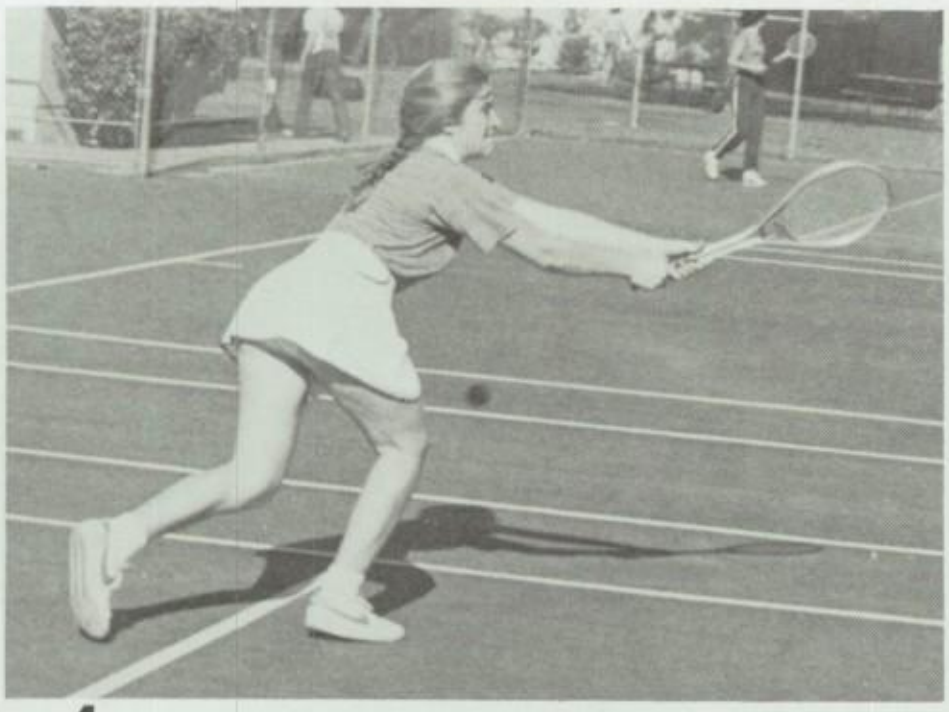
Coach Killam was assisted by Mrs. Flo Lubeck, who gave her whole-hearted support for the entire team, as well as her daughter, Sandy.

During CCC league finals, MHS was represented by Lisa Simental in the singles position, while Sandy Lubeck and Cindy Borges joined forces to form the doubles team. All three reached the semi-finals before losing to Beyer and Davis.

"Even though our record doesn't show a very good year," said senior Sandy Lubeck, "we had a lot of fun and learned a lot. Miss Killam was a big help to us all, and the individual athletes learned how to compete as a team."

—Cindy Borges

1 With her determination apparent, Sandy Lubeck delivers her well-placed forehand.
2 Watching the flight of the ball, Beth Moore strives for a deep corner shot.
3 During pre-game warm-ups, Geri Peek volleys with an opponent.
4 Under the watchful eye of her partner Debbie Langerman, Lisa Simentel puts away a forehand volley.
5 Concentrating on her down-the-line shot, Cindy Borges delivers a forceful forehand.



below, Girls Tennis Team, front row: Lisa Simentel, Diane Keaton, Debbie Langerman, Julie Campos, Sandy Lubeck. **back row:** Beth Moore, Dawn Hudson, Geri Peek, Karen Smith, Birgit Patzer, Cindy Borges, Maria Lopez.

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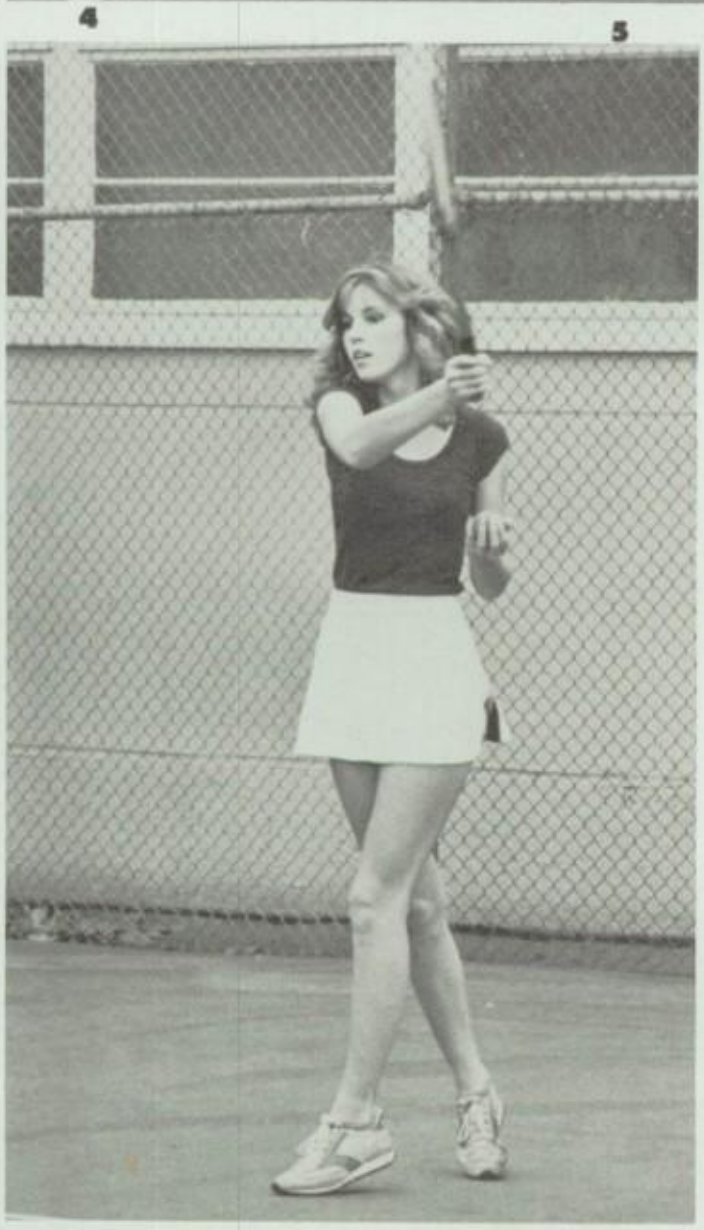

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Girls Tennis Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
0	Central	5
0	Atwater	5
2	Turlock	3
0	Merced	5
0	Davis	5
0	Beyer	5
4	Downey	1
1	St. Mary's	4
0	Davis	5
2	Central	3
1	Atwater	4
3	Turlock	2
0	Merced	5
1	Beyer	4
2	Downey	3

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6 Karen Smith follows through on a cross-court shot.
7 Seventh period tennis class gives Julie Campos an opportunity to practice her backhand.
8 Moving into position, Dawn Hudson applies a topspin to a dropshot.
9 Maria Lopez easily returns her opponent's serve.
10 Grim determination shows on the face of foreign exchange student Birgit Patzer as she slams a pass shot across the net.

Lack of depth hinders efforts of spikers' season

After a previous season of disappointment, both the Varsity and JV Volleyball Teams were once again edged off the court. Of last years' teams, only 4 seniors returned to play for the varsity, with three juniors and two sophomores also participating in the sport at that level.

Practice for the varsity squad began in mid-August with a good turn-out of eager if unseasoned young spikers. Due to this lack of experienced players, the team soon found itself in difficulty, from which it never recovered, and which therefore resulted in a depressing season. Even though the team usually lost, the girls maintained their high spirits throughout the year.

After opening the season by making a good stand against Central, the Varsity team continued with a scrimage against Oakdale, which brought the first and only played win of the season. Despite the strong incentive provided by this victory, it was not enough to pull them through the rest of the year. The games which remained were all recorded as losses with the exception of one game which was forfeited to the Panthers by Downey.

During many of the frustrating games when the team just could not 'get it together,' one outstanding player, Cindy Boday, constantly worked to keep team spirits up. A senior and an experienced member of the team, she was respected and looked up to by her team mates. Another player who was recognized for her performances on the court was Estelle Ingram, who was chosen 'Most Improved Player' by the team and coaches.

The Junior Varsity Team, dominated by freshmen and with a first-year coach, experienced a good year considering the lack of seasoned players. Winning four games out of fifteen, they were a definite improvement over last year's JV Team. Outstanding players on the team were Sheryl Mendonca, who was awarded the 'Most Valuable Player' because of her attitude and ability displayed throughout the season, and Lisa Neagle who received the 'Most Improved Player' award, beginning the year on the bench but finishing as a member of the starting line-up.

—Sandi Grover
—Denise Presley

1 Surrounded by alert teammates Cheryl Mendonca, Lynette Ingram and Betty Lara, Andrea Pollock drops to one knee to return a spike.

2 Recovering quickly from a shot that nearly got away, Cindy Boday easily returns the ball as Denise Presley watches for a possible assist.

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5 During a varsity match, Cindy Boday, Denise Presley, Lisa Andrews, and Estelle Ingram get ready for an assist.

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3 Junior Sandi Grover intimidates opponents with her awesome blocks, while teammate Karen Steen waits for a set.
4 Denise Presley skillfully returns the ball during league play, while Estelle Ingram and Lisa Andrews stand by.
6 Spin on a serve can be devastating, the objective which Estelle Ingram is attempting to achieve.
7 Denise Presley puts one up under the watchful eye of Lisa Andrews.
8 During pre-game warm-ups, Denise Presley spikes the ball while Karen Steen, Shirley Grogan and Sandi Grover await their turns.

below, Varsity Volleyball Team, front row: Lisa Andrews, Cindy Boday, Karen Steen, Sandi Grover, Coach Rene Lindburg. **second row:** Janet Ball, Karen Corgiat, Estelle Ingram, Denise Presley.

Varsity Volleyball Scoreboard

MHS	Oppnt		MHS	Oppnt		MHS	Oppnt	
11	Central	15	1	Atwater	15	3	Atwater	15
10		15	12	Turlock	15	6		15
15	Oakdale	11	9		15	6	Turlock	15
4		15	7	Davis	15	7		15
16		14	9		15	11	Davis	15
4	E. Union	15	14	Beyer	16	9		15
7		15	8		15	10	Beyer	15
0	Merced	15	W	Downey	F	8		15
1		15	4	Merced	15	9	Downey	15
0	Atwater	15	5		15	5		15

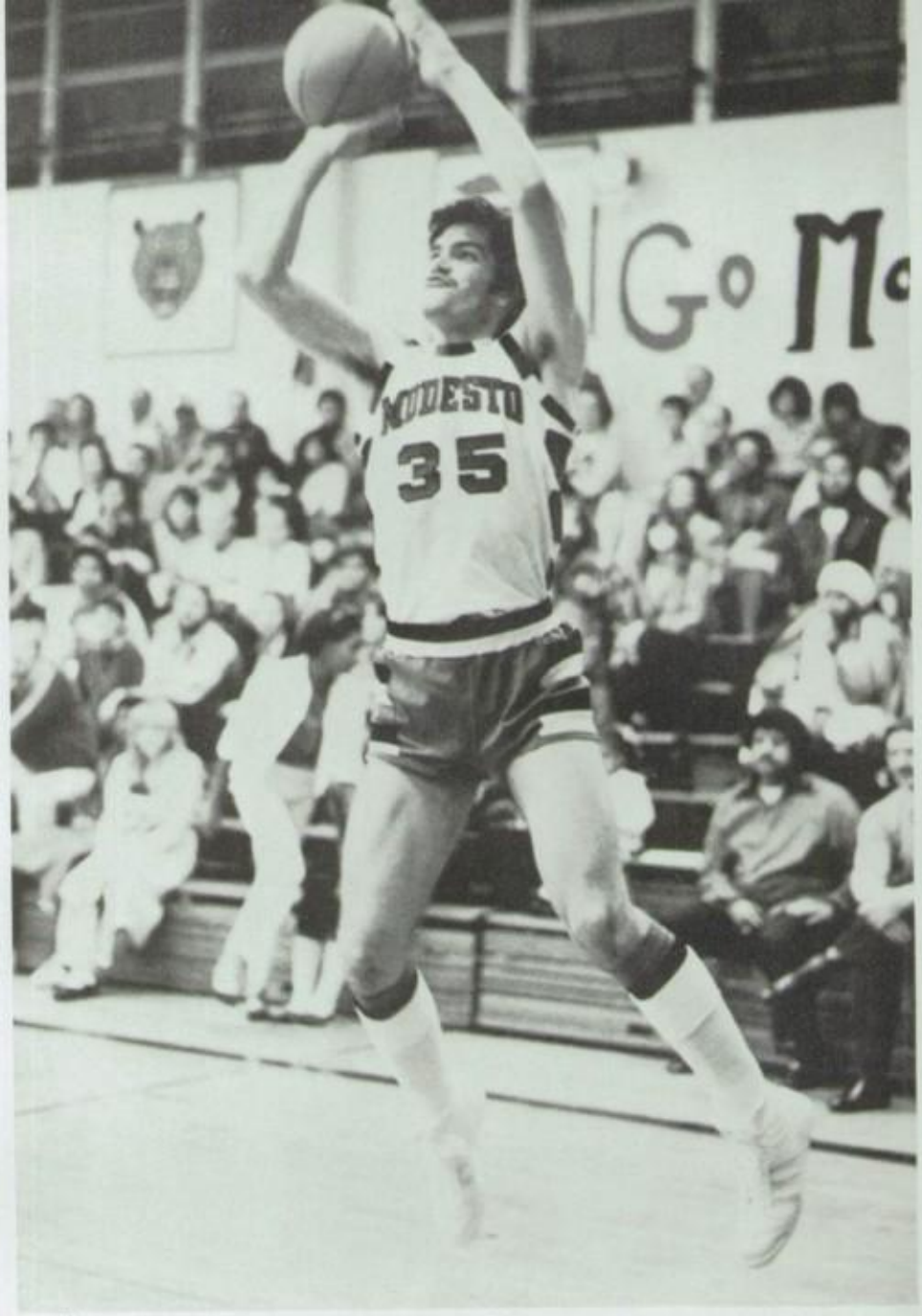
JV Volleyball Scoreboard

MHS	Oppnt		MHS	Oppnt		MHS	Oppnt	
4	Central	15	3	Atwater	15	7	Atwater	15
4		15	15	Turlock	1	6	Turlock	15
15	Oakdale	3	15		2	9		15
16		14	1	Davis	15	15	Davis	12
6	E. Union	15	0		15	0		15
15		8	4	Beyer	15	15		13
16		14	6		15	7	Beyer	15
4	Merced	15	W	Downey	F	9		15
4		15	6	Merced	15	13	Downey	15
6	Atwater	15	5		15	2		15
			2	Atwater	15			

below left, top: Varsity coach Rene Lindburg. **bottom:** JV coach Christi McCauley.

above, JV Volleyball Team, front row: Coach Christy McCauley, Iynette Ingram, Lisa Nagele, Ethel Mishler, Nadine Nunes. **second row:** Denise Nelson, Jenifer Wells, Cheryl Mendonca, Maria Scarbrough, Andrea Pollock.

New coach leads charged-up Panthers to best season in 5 years



A new season, a new coach, and a new team; there were too many imponderables: many did not know what to expect. Some were optimistic, but even more simply decided to wait and see. Facing last year's unimpressive record of 7 wins and 19 losses, new coach Wayne McGhee had a lot of weight resting on his shoulders.

Unlike the recent past, there were more than enough men out for the varsity team. After a couple of weeks of try-out practices and some long, hard thinking, Coach McGhee soon picked his team of twelve players. These men were the ones who could best make the adjustments to him and to his style of basketball. With a lot of hard work and determination, the players started to show the makings of a championship team. Their overall record, 14-14, was the best in the last five years.

Opening the season with a 60-40 win over Central Catholic, the MHS hoopsters got off to a good start. Their first loss came against St. Mary's, 60-74, but proved to be no great factor in later games. Participating in their first invitational contest, at Tracy, the Panthers were picked off by Hiram Johnson, 51-65, the school that eventually won the tournament.

By the time league play began, MHS had eight victories under its belt, at the expense of Central and Tracy each twice, Ceres, Los Banos, Beyer and Franklin. Many fans and forecasters felt certain the season was bound to be victorious. And at first it appeared that they were right. In the league opener against Merced, the Panthers easily overwhelmed the Bears 52-42, with a rare five players scoring in double figures.

Unable to maintain that momentum throughout the first half of CCC play, the team nonetheless ended the stanza with a league record of 3-3 for second place, and was in close contention for the championship.

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1 With a look of determination, Craig Mandall shoots for two.
2 Defying the laws of gravity, center Sergio Harrison easily outjumps his Turlock opponent.
3 Forward Ed Henriques looks for a teammate over his opponent's arms.
4 Jumping through two Turlock defenders, center Harrison Lee strains to make a basket.
5 Playing tight defense, Andy Gonzales traps his man in the corner.

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below, Varsity Basketball Team, front row: Ron Dixon, Dennis Wend, Felipe Ybarra, Jeff Bradley. **back row:** Mike Dixon, Ed Henriques, Craig Mandall, Sergio Harrison, Harrison Lee, Andy Gonzales, David Wend.

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6 During the Panther's exciting quadruple overtime victory against Turlock, Harrison Lee searches for a teammate to receive the pass.

7 As Beyer Patriots gawk helplessly at his overpowering jump, Harrison Lee pumps in another two for the Panthers.

8 While Harrison Lee signals for the ball, Dennis Wend watches alertly for a man to open up.

Varsity Basketball Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
46	Ceres	61
60	Central	40
56	Tracy	45
66	St. Mary's	76
75	Ceres	61
72	Los Banos	56
57	Beyer	53
53	Davis	68
73	Central	64
52	Cordova	60
59	Lincoln	60
51	Hiram Johnson	65
74	Tracy	69
52	Franklin	46
52	Merced	42
60	Davis	67
73	Downey	54
50	Turlock	48
51	Atwater	62
49	Beyer	60
68	Merced	66
63	Davis	73
57	Downey	45
62	Turlock	59
66	Atwater	73
49	Beyer	50
57	Merced	56
47	Beyer	69

'The season went very well this year. With different refs we might've gone all the way. Next year I hope to do twice what I did this year.'
—Sergio Harrison

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Cats miss CCC crown by a second and a half

The big turning point of the season for players, coaches, and all those "rowdy rooters" was the next game, when Modesto hosted Turlock. This exciting and heart-stopping game went into four overtimes (including a controversial MHS tying basket at the buzzer) before the Panthers emerged victorious, 62-59. It was during this game that all the spirit and pride that has traditionally been associated with Modesto High came back in force.

As a result of the league games played that night, MHS found itself tied for first with Davis, while Atwater and Turlock were tied one game behind. But that was just the beginning. One game later, after a Panther loss to Atwater, 66-73, the unbelieveable happened: there was a five-way logjam for first place in the CCC.

The final game of the regulation season was thus a critical one, but the Panthers lost to the Beyer Patriots in the last two seconds, 49-50. Then it was down to Merced for an extra game to see who would make up the third and fourth teams in the league playoffs. The team was geared up for the Bears, especially after calling up sophomore standout Brian Kelly.

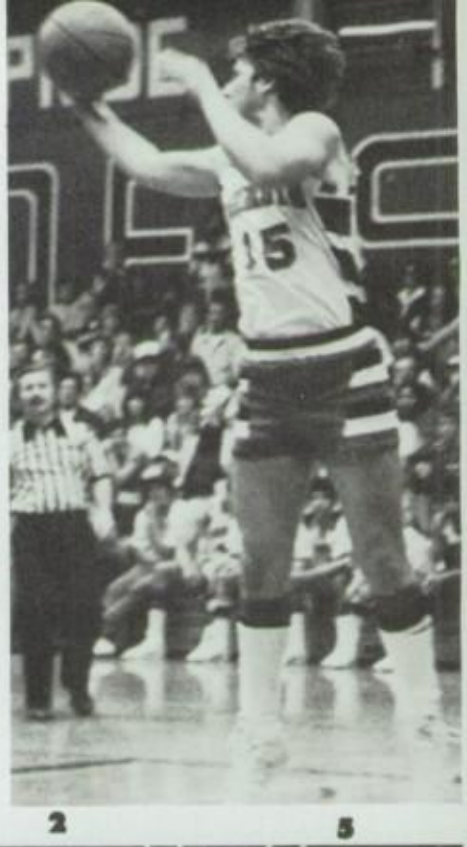
One of the JV team's leading scorers, Kelly slam-dunked the ball in two different games, bringing the crowd to its feet in approval. Although the game was his premier varsity performance, he helped the Panthers win a squeaker, 57-56 in overtime, by sinking the winning basket at the buzzer. With that win, MHS faced Beyer in the first round of playoffs, losing to the Patriots, 69-47, and finishing one of the most exciting and spirit-filled seasons in many years.

At the winter sports banquet, held March 11, Sergio Harrison and Dennis Wend shared the Most Valuable Player honors. Craig Mandall took home the Most Improved billing, while David Wend carted off the most prestigious award of all, the Best Sportsmanship trophy.

Taking a look into the future and the Panther's scheduled entry into the Valley Oak League next year, Coach McGhee said with satisfaction, "Our potential is **exciting.** Watch out VOL!"

—Chris Mihelis
—Denise Presley

1 Modesto's outside threat Dennis Wend receives a pass from upcourt.
2 All alone on a fast break, Ed henriques quickly dribbles his way downcourt.



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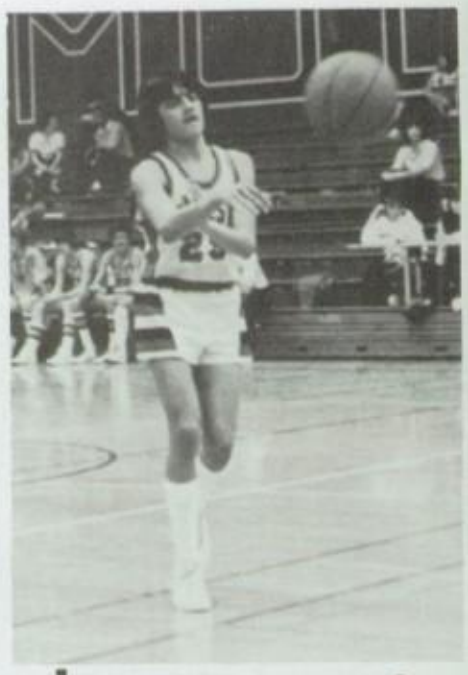
'We had a lot of talent and a lot of hustle. The coach did a good job with us for his first year at MHS. I guarantee next year will be a great year.'
—Dennis Wend

coach Wayne McGhee

'I am extremely happy for the players, students and faculty for the way this basketball season went. We gave it our best shot. We didn't quite make it to the top, but we gave it all we had. We did our best.'
—Wayne McGhee

3 Stepping in through the back door, Ron Dixon takes a pass on his way to the basket.
4 Leaving his competition flatfooted, Harrison Lee shoots for two.
5 Playmaker Ron Dixon looks for an alert teammate to receive a pass.
6 Soaring over his opponents, Craig Mandall launches an outside jumper.
7 Andy Gonzales glances inside the key in hopes of locating an open man.
8 Playing man-to-man defense, Sergio Harrison closely guards his opponent.
9 Looking for an open teammate, David Wend prepares to pass the ball.

1 Confidently, Sam Gonzales passes to a team member.
2 While Anthony Matthews follows to assist, Sam Gonzales glances at Dino Quinn who is breaking for the basket.
3 Dino Quinn pops in an outside jumper.



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Sophs steamroll their way to second CCC championship in a row

With a record of 16-1 as freshmen, the 1982 Sophomore Basketball Team looked forward to an excellent season. And an excellent season they had! Finishing with a record of 19-4, they succeeded in compiling the best two-year record in the last twenty-five years, 35-5.

Coach Paul Abby was full of praise: "They are the most offensively talented team I've ever coached. What they lack in consistency, they make up in points. They will go far."

Led offensively by Anthony Matthews (18.2 ppg) and Brian Kelly (13.6 ppg), the team averaged 57.6 points per game, rarely losing. Defensively led by Keith Waters, they held their opponents to an average of 46.5 points per game, resulting in a very well-rounded team.

Opening the season with wins against Ceres, Central and Tracy, the Panthers got off to an excellent start. Then came the most outstanding and exciting game of the season, against St. Mary's. In the previous year, St. Mary's had whipped the MHS Sophs by twenty points, but this year the Panthers were ready for them. The half-time score of 26-30 kept MHS within striking range, but in the third quarter the kittens seemed to have died, ending 44-54. Then with a great effort both offensively and defensively in the fourth quarter, MHS tied the game at the end of regulation play, only to lose in overtime, 65-67.

Winning their next six games, fans began to predict a repeat of last year's almost-perfect season. But the Panthers lost to Lincoln by two points in the last six seconds, and then to Cordova by 28 points. The Sophs went on to win their next five league games, against Merced, Davis, Downey, Turlock and Atwater.

Then came the most disappointing game of the entire season, the game against Beyer. The first half ended with MHS comfortably in the lead, 22-12. But in the second half, the Panthers played their worst game of the year, appearing to almost give the ball to the Patriots in an effort to loose, which they managed to do by a score of 49-51.

The Panthers roared back to finish the season with wins against the same six teams, easily clenching the championship for the second year in a row, and providing the promise of a great varsity for the next two years.

—Denise Presley

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4 Calling out the play, Sam Gonzales prepares for action.

5 In a pre-season game against Tracy, Keith Waters skillfully guards his man.

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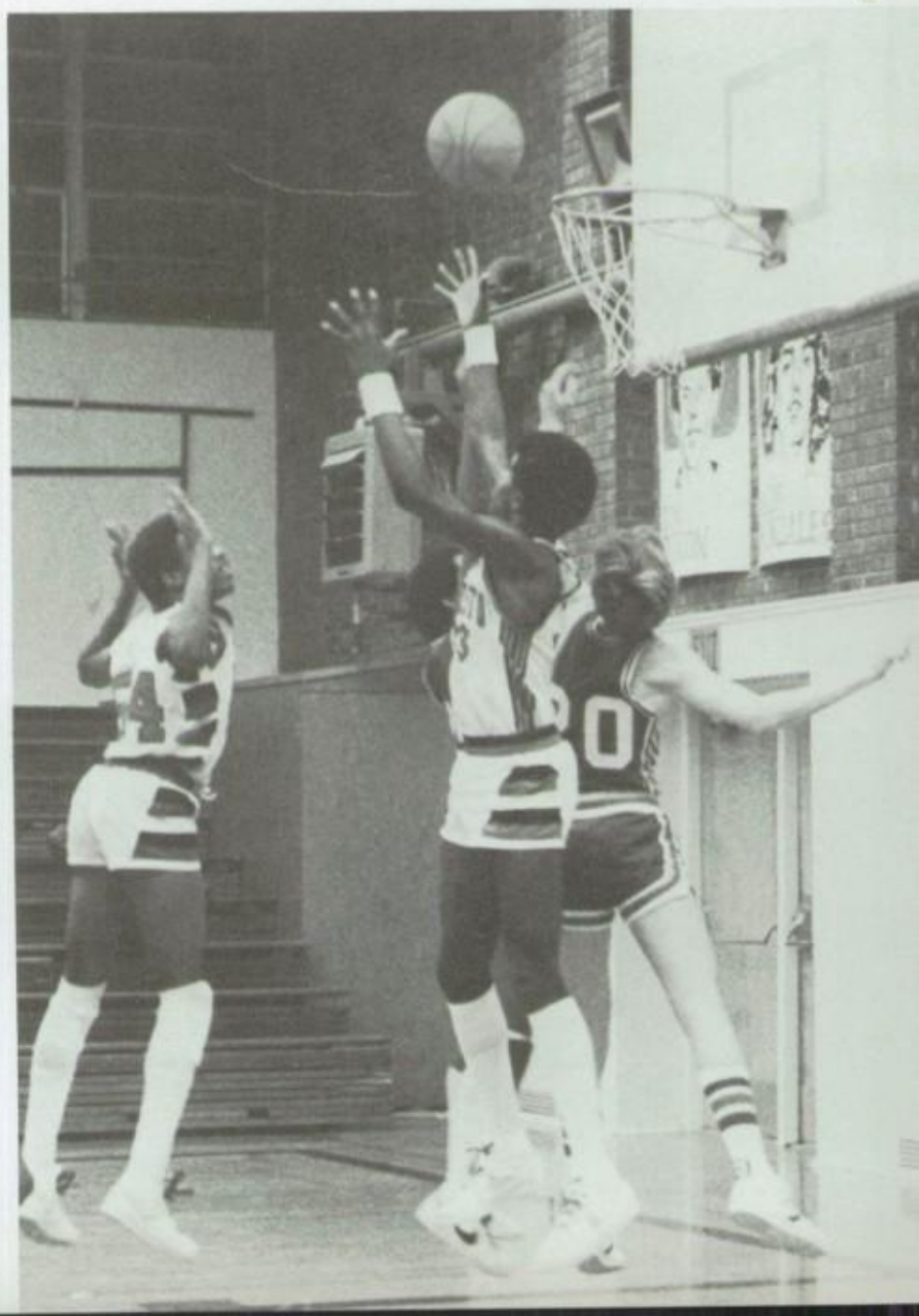

below, Sophomore Basketball Team, front row: Dino Quinn, Sam Gonzales, Mike Toso, Tony Gonzalves. **back row:** Keith Waters, Ron Hill, Anthony Matthews, Ryan Edwards, Brian Kelly, Joey Henriques, Sam Cousins.

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coach Paul Abby

Sophomore Basketball Scoreboard

Modesto		Oppnt
47	Ceres	43
49	Central	34
44	Tracy	30
65	St. Mary's	67
57	Ceres	45
58	Los Banos	29
49	Beyer	36
70	Davis	59
37	Central	34
54	Cordova	82
52	Lincoln	54
60	Merced	43
60	Davis	37
53	Downey	39
60	Turlock	49
79	Atwater	62
49	Beyer	51
63	Merced	49
61	Davis	41
52	Downey	38
57	Turlock	47
79	Atwater	58
60	Beyer	43

6 The Panthers' devastating pair, Brian Kelly and Anthony Matthews, outduel a dwarfed opponent.
7 With his awesome jumping ability Brian Kelly stuns the opposition by slam-dunking the ball.
8 Taking advantage of a lax defense, Mike Toso shoots an outside jumper.
9 With his eyes fixed on the rim, Ron Dixon takes a shot from the corner.

Kittens' uneven performance results in 'up and down' season

Although they had speed and agility, the Freshman Basketball Team accomplished only seven wins in fourteen efforts this season. Even though the team acquired five more players than last year, most of the players were relatively small, which seemed to give them a mental let-down whenever they fell behind.

James Thrasher, coaching the team for the past four years, taught the seventeen athletes to press and fast-break as a team. Jesse Mendoza, Patrick Peterson and David Wilson, the most outstanding players offensively and defensively, contributed their talents to the efforts of the team.

Beating Central twice by more than twenty points, they showed their potential. They played well in their second contest against Davis, losing by only 11 points after their first loss of 23 points.

Coach Thrasher felt that it was up and down all season. The players sometimes had problems understanding what he wanted them to do. If they could have learned to play man-to-man defense better, it would have helped them greatly. One team member observed ruefully, "We had good players but we didn't follow directions, which caused us to lose a lot of games by just a few points." Losing to Merced by three points was one of those times, not a happy moment for the young Panthers.

Calling it the traditional "year of experience and preparation for the future," most of the team looked forward to competition in VOL next year.

—Chris Aldana

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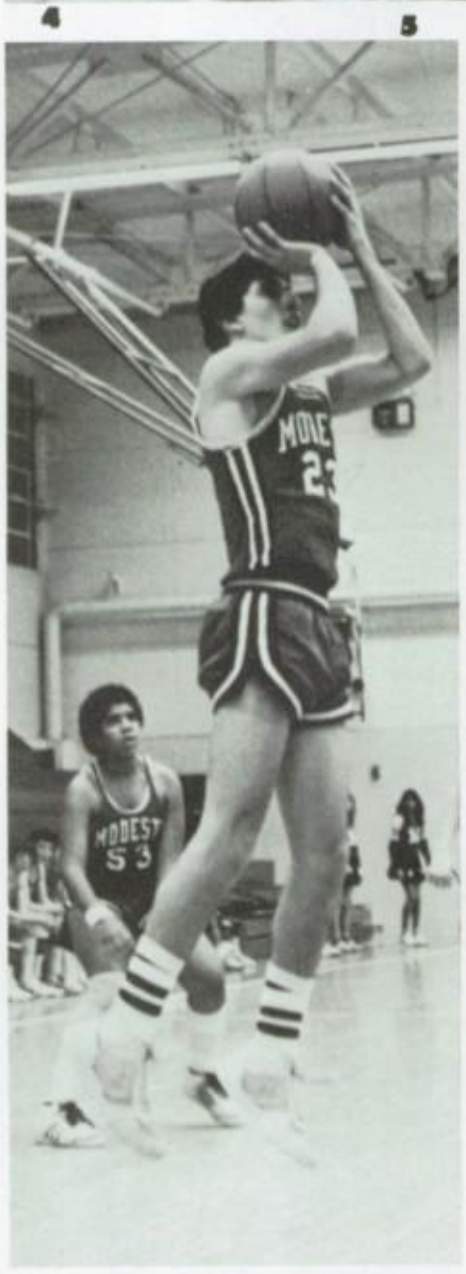

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above, Freshman Basketball Team, front row: Coach Jim Thrasher, David Wilson, Andre Brooks, Aaron Augustine, Tracy New. **second row:** Jeff Brown, Phil Shuman, Junior Shaird, Dino Theodoratos, Jeff Hardenbrook. **back row:** Patrick Peterson, Jon Green, Robert Ott, R.C. Spivey, Martin Rico, Jesse Mendoza.

coach Jim Thrasher

1 While Jim Apaguay shoots for two, Aaron Augustine prepares to go for the rebound.

2 Exhibiting his hustle, Jesse Mendoza gets down court and drives past a Central Raider for a layup.

3 Patrick Peterson shoots over a Downey Knight while Jesse Mendoza breaks for the rebound.

4 After driving to the baseline, R.C. Spivey lets go with a jumper.

5 Jesse Mendoza goes up for two while Junior Shaird follows the play.

6 Breaking for the basket, David Wilson dribbles past his opponent.

7 With extraordinary jumping ability, Patrick Peterson leaps to block a shot from a Downey player while Junior Shaird and David Wilson take care of things down below.

8 After concentrating carefully, Junior Shaird sinks another free throw.

Freshman Basketball Scoreboard

Modesto		Oppnt
48	Ceres	40
53	Central	33
63	Central	48
32	Davis	55
64	Downey	48
52	Atwater	30
36	Beyer	29
53	Merced	56
52	Davis	63
59	Downey	64
39	Turlock	21
44	Atwater	47
43	Beyer	54
44	Merced	73

'The kids learned some hard lessons about winning and what it takes.'
—Jim Thrasher

1 Pinned in the corner, Miki Smith looks for a teammate in the open.

Impressive team falters in league play; JV improves record

A 9-13 record overall did not do justice to the Girls Varsity Basketball Team. It seemed that every time they met in a league game, the skills learned in long hours of practice came to naught. Though led by powerful shooters Lisa Gharat, third-ranked scorer in the CCC, and Nolanda Alexander, ranked fifth, they managed only a 2-10 league record.

Out of league, however, the varsity Panthers devastated those who opposed them. Behind the skillful ball-handling of juniors Silvia Chavez and Diane Ranuio, whose one-two teamwork moved the ball so quickly as to totally confuse opponents, the team achieved a 7-3 non-league record.

A well-deserved Most Valuable Player award was given to Lisa Gharat, whose enthusiasm and ability boosted the team on many occasions. Most Improved was Vera Thomas, who made up in determination whatever she lacked in experience.

Varsity Coach Jim Autry was favorably impressed with the team. "I really feel that this year's team was one of the best in recent years," praised Mr. Autry, "and I'm very sad to see the seniors leave." His satisfaction marked the optimism of many underclass team members. For their return, however, the experience gained this season will prove to be an invaluable tool in building a winning team.

The junior varsity team continued to pursue the goal the team set for itself at the close of the season last year. That objective was to consistently make each season better than the one before it. Though their 5-14 record was not the reflection of an outstanding season, it did help them accomplish their goal of improvement, since last year's record had been an embarrassing 1-11. Led by captain Ann Verissimo, the JV team worked diligently toward improving their skills, and, according to coach Rena Lindberg, they did exactly that.

—David Snyder

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2 Oblivious to the Turlock defenders, Kathy Lee focuses her attention on gaining two points.
3 While bringing the ball downcourt Diane Ranuio surveys the defense.
4 Maneuvering in heavy traffic, Melinda Lee looks to deliver the ball to Rhonda Albright.
5 Driving past a retreating defender, Silvia Chavez breaks for the basket.
6 Outdueling her Downey opponent, Kathy Lee tips the ball to a waiting teammate.
7 Realizing the importance of a free throw, Rhonda Albright carefully releases the ball.
8 Lisa Gharat and Nolanda Alexander battle for position with their Turlock opponents in hopes of retrieving a loose ball.

below, Girls JV Basketball Team, front row: Sabrina Oliney, Holly Beaty, Ann Verissimo, Chris Beaty, Stacy Lamphear, Lynette Ingram. **back row:** Niki Smith, Melinda Lee, Patricia Williams, Trina Ingram, Coach Rena Lindberg.

Varsity Basketball		
Modesto		Oppnt
38	Hilmar	43
51	Central	27
51	Ceres	31
51	East Union	43
51	Tracy	45
40	Beyer	30
35	Escalon	45
46	Calaveras	43
48	Manteca	38
34	Ceres	37
45	Beyer	40
33	Merced	34
36	Davis	43
28	Downey	49
59	Turlock	78
37	Atwater	56
47	Beyer	31
38	Merced	65
43	Davis	51
24	Downey	50
39	Turlock	61
40	Atwater	55

JV Basketball		
Modesto		Oppnt
42	Hilmar	19
41	Central	19
20	Ceres	26
26	East Union	56
26	Tracy	44
30	Manteca	63
23	Ceres	44
47	Beyer	24
27	Merced	35
30	Davis	23
15	Downey	35
21	Turlock	42
26	Atwater	59
32	Beyer	19
27	Merced	41
22	Davis	30
37	Downey	46
32	Turlock	42
48	Atwater	51

below left: JV coach Rena Lindberg, Varsity coach Jim Autry

above, Girls Varsity Basketball Team, front row: Lisa Gharat, Diane Ranuio, Teresa Chavez, Silvia Chavez, Coach Jim Autry. **back row:** Lisa Andrews, Kathy Lee, Nolanda Alexander, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Vera Thomas.

1 Heavyweight Adam Perez skillfully maneuvers a Davis opponent into a pin position.
2 Catching his competitor in an awkward position, Jose Bonales takes advantage of the situation.

Grapplers take city championship for fourth straight year

Facing resistant competitors, rigid weight restrictions and grueling after-school practices didn't stop the Modesto Matmen from gaining yet another city championship, making this the fourth consecutive year for the Panthers. Unfortunately, they garnered only second place in the CCC, with a final record of 7-3.

Wrestling coaches John Miller and new assistant coach Joe Lane anticipated a highly successful season, since the strong-willed MHS squad was rated as one of the top teams in the section. But hope for a season free from injury proved unrealistic as the matmen were hurt early by the injury of Adam Perez, who severely dislocated his elbow during a match, putting him out for the season. Although his was the only serious injury, his loss to the team was felt throughout the remainder of the season.

Many seniors excelled, using varsity experience to carry them far. Outstanding were Louis Martinez, who qualified for sections and finished the season with 19 wins and 8 losses; Doug Nevitt who, as a first-year wrestler, finished the season 17-13, and qualified for the sections; Jose Ortega, who went to the sections with a season record of 19-8; and Scott Tomlin, who also went to the sections and finished the season with a 21-6 record. Adam Perez, despite his injury, finished with the lowest loss record: 13-2. Scott Tomlin served as team captain, showing both leadership and enthusiasm to match that Panther Pride.

Despite the small size of the squad, most of the wrestlers felt they had a rewarding season, and all came out with top scores. Said Scott Tomlin, "The team owes its successful year to expert coaching as well as ability and drive. Being able to hold our own against larger teams shows that all the heavy training pays off." —Sheryl Hardenbrook

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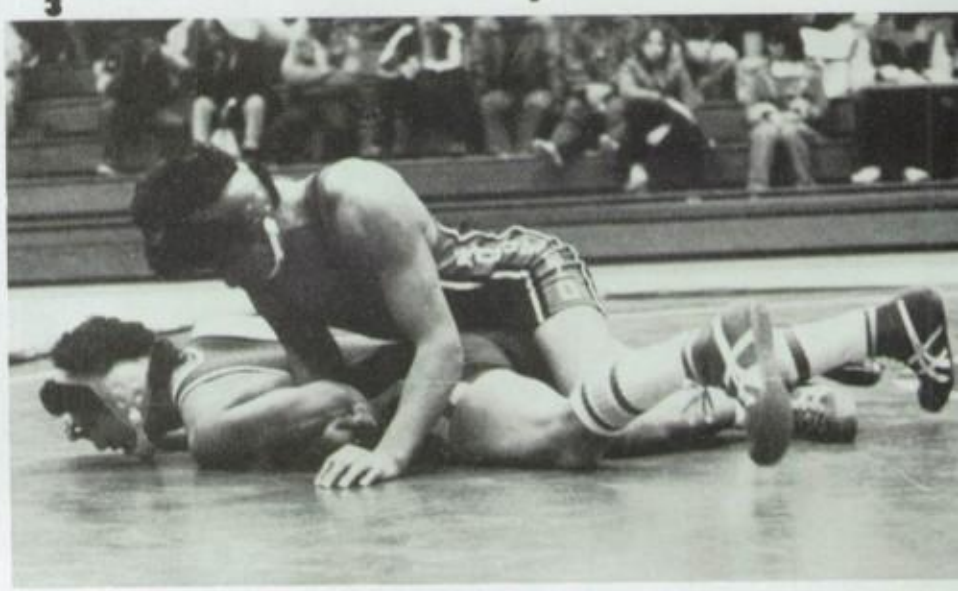
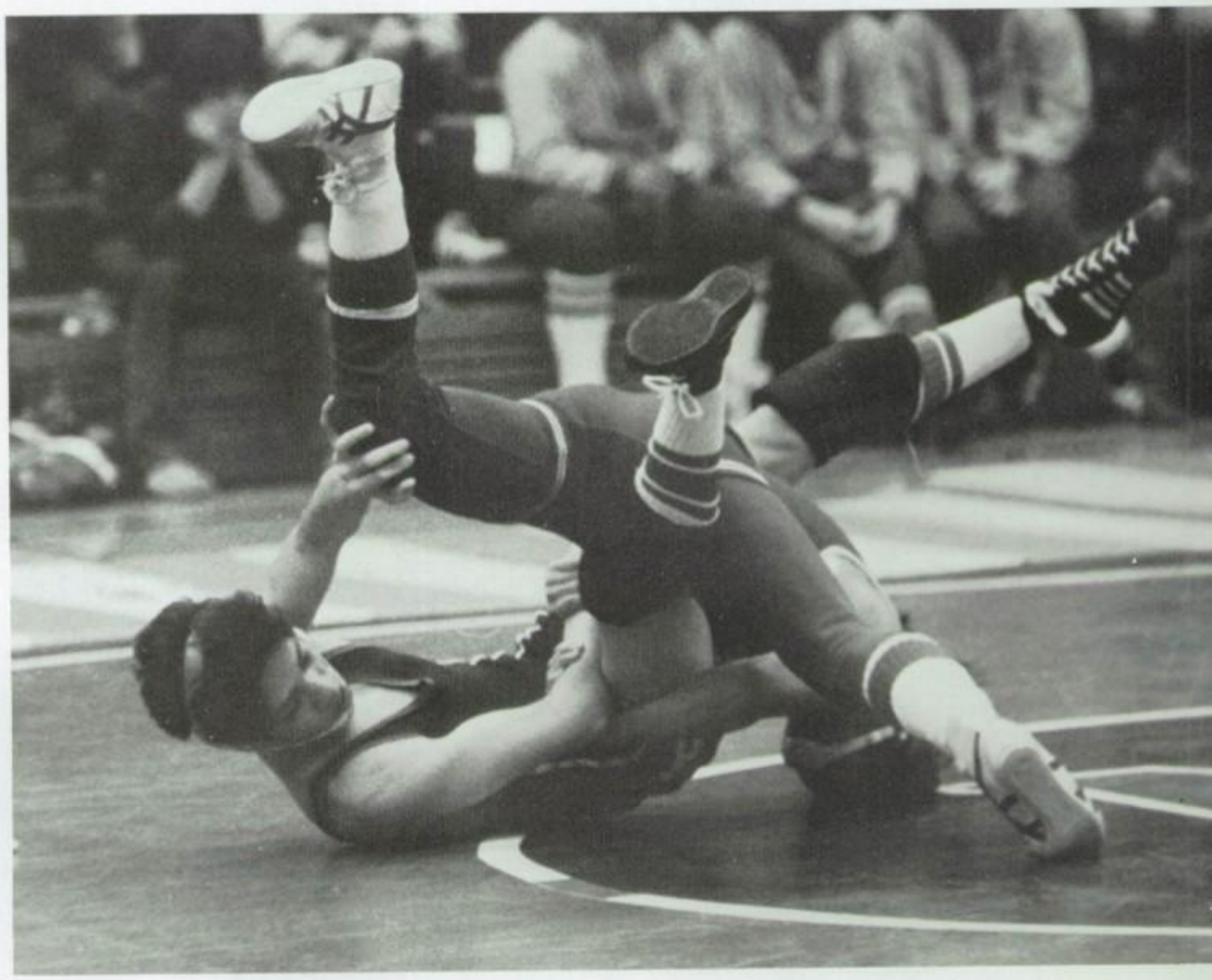
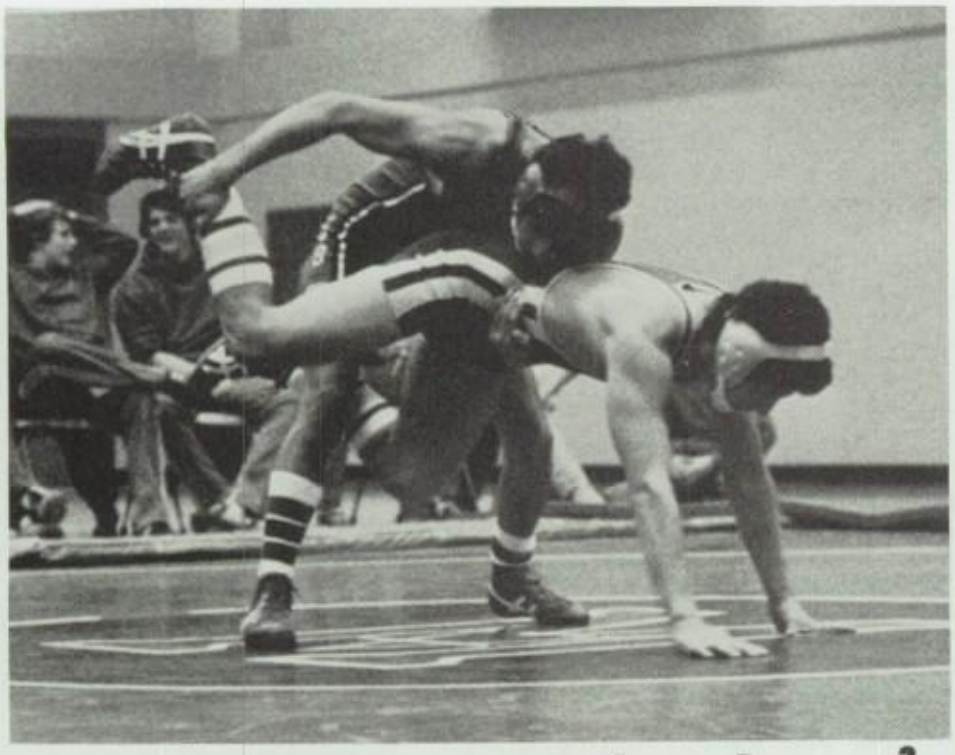
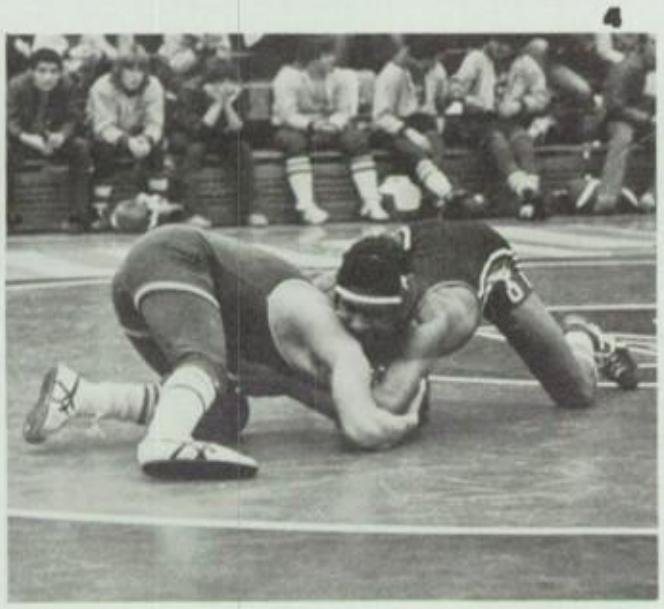




6 Standing his opponent on his head, Jose Ortega struggles to retain the upper hand.



below, Wrestling Team, front row: John Perry, Jose Ortega, Robby Gratton, Gabriel Pacheco, Troy Grays. **second row:** Shawn Sickert, Leroy Grays, Tim Ghorney, Charley Light, Jerry Rocha. **back row:** Doug Nevitt, Eric Zeigler, Louis Martinez, Joe Mendonza, Bruce Chancelor, Brian Nevitt.



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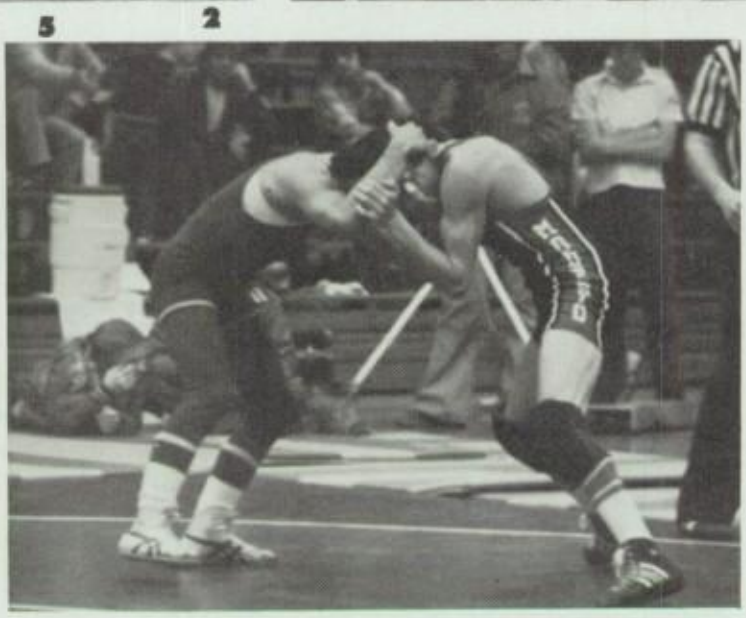

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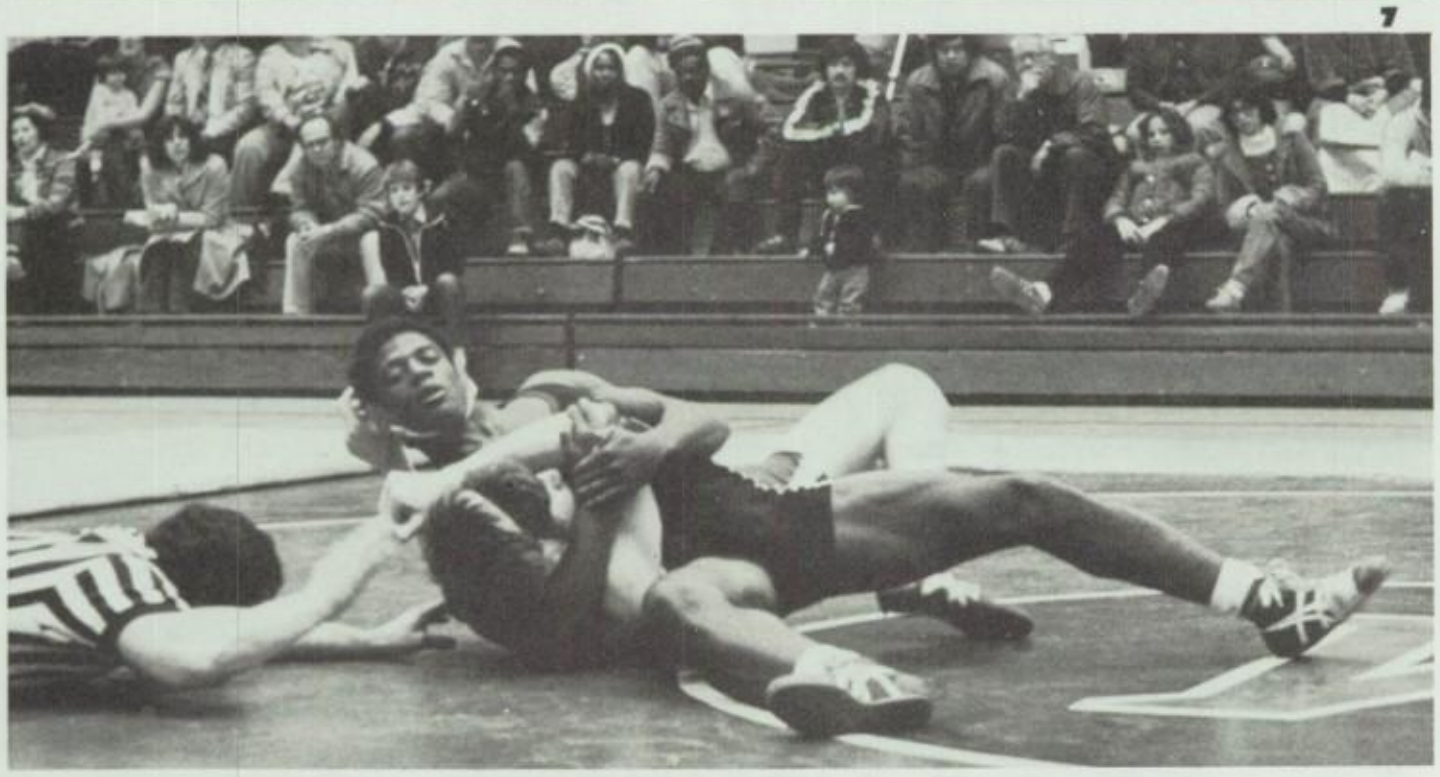

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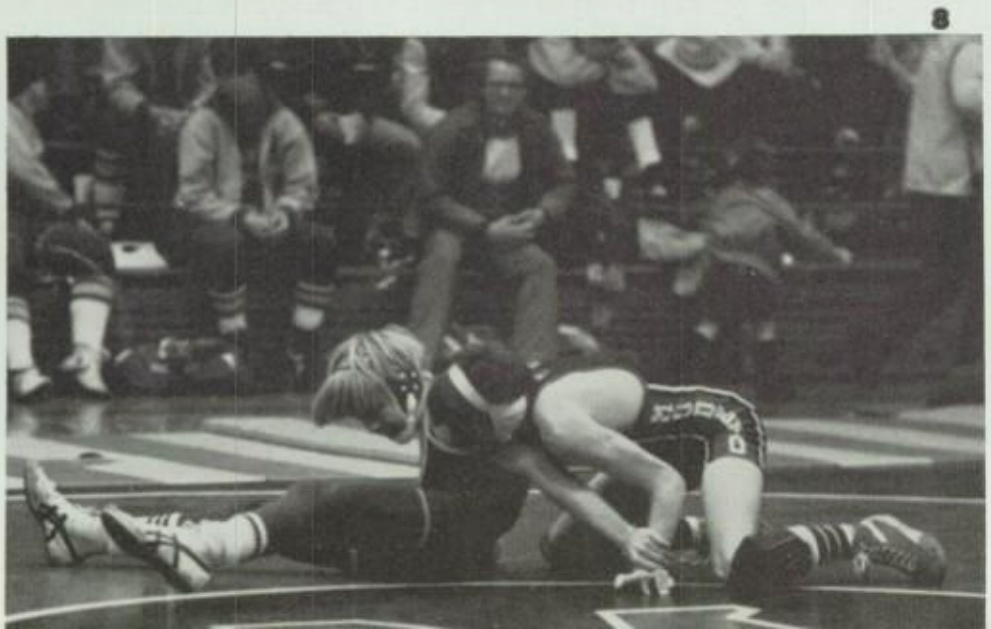

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3 After gaining the upper hand, Jose Bonales applies a reverse chicken wing in an effort to roll his foe.
4 Leroy Grays struggles to turn his opponent over for a pin.
5 Preparing to take his victim down, Louis Martinez sets him up with a "clinch and parry" hold.
7 With a secure headlock, Scott Tomlin pins a helpless competitor.
8 Outstanding freshman Robbie Gratton positions himself for a "throwback."

head coach John Miller

coach Joe Lane

Wrestling Scoreboard

MHS		Oppnt
42	Atwater	24
26	Merced	28
56	Downey	9
48	Beyer	18
39	Davis	28
6	Turlock	52

'Due to various circumstances the end of the season wasn't exactly up to expectations, but the year was successful.'

—John Miller

1 Forward Carlos Pineda dribbles around an opponent in one of his usual advances to the goal.
2 Showing his pro style, Abel Espinoza nails another free kick.
3 Jerry Dias out manuvers an opponent on his way to the goal.

Injuries plague booters during run for CCC title

Playing without three of the eleven starters for the final four games of the season, the Panthers struggled to maintain their position in the CCC during what was termed a "successful" season. Ozzie Toste and Jaime Magana, halfbacks, and Raul Garcia, forward, were sidelined at a crucial point in the season, due to minor injuries.

With an outstanding 6-1-2 record in the first half of the season, the team seemed bound for a least a share of the title. Their success was largely due to the fact that despite its small size, none of the players were in any way incapacitated, either through injury or failure to pay the $30 fee. Twice during the season, the creativity and versatility of the team vaulted it into first place.

During the last game of the first half, however, a tough Beyer High squad defeated the Panthers, 1-0. It was small comfort to know that the Patriots would become the eventual title holders, since this loss was especially bitter because several players were injured. Despite the many problems they had to face, the booters finished the more difficult second half with a record of 4-3-2, again losing to Beyer.

The most important line of the team turned out to be the halfbacks. This was not only due to the skill of such players as Cirilo Vera, Abel Espinoza, Ozzie Toste and Jaime Magana, but also to the fact that they often assisted the weakest line, the defense. In addition, these were the men who brought the ball within goal range, from where forwards Raul Garcia and Alberto Gil moved it in to score.

This season, especially, the Boys Soccer Team received far more recognition and interest from outsiders than ever before. Large numbers of people turned out to watch the games, lending moral support and encouragement to the players. Hopefully, it is the beginning of a long-overdue movement toward appreciation of minor sports.

—Juan Fernandez

4 Taking the ball away from a Beyer player, Ozzie Toste gains control in one of the most important games of the season.
5 Forward Albert Gil and halfback Ozzie Toste combine their skills to score.
6 A the key player on the team, Albert Gil carries the ball with his rapid style.
7 Using his power, Raul Garcia succeeds in making a free kick.
8 Fighting for the ball, Jaime Magana makes contact with a Beyer player.
9 Against East Union, Paul Klink skillfully takes the ball away.
10 Defenseman Fernando Marquez challanges an opposing player.

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Boys Soccer Scoreboard

Modesto		Oppnt
1	Downey	1
2	Central	2
3	Manteca	1
2	Atwater	1
1	Davis	0
3	Turlock	0
3	Merced	2
4	East Union	0
0	Beyer	1
2	Downey	2
4	Central	1
2	Manteca	1
3	Atwater	3
3	Davis	2
1	Turlock	2
1	Merced	3
3	East Union	1
0	Beyer	3

coach Jose Guerrero

'The last two weeks were disastrous because of injuries and team morale.'

—Jose Guerrero

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above, Boys Soccer Team, front row: Jeff Sheaffer, Cirilo Vera, Victor Peral, Tony Angel, Carlos Pineda, Dennis Brophy, Abel Espinoza. **back row:** Juan Fernandez, Joe Gallardo, Fernando Marquez, Chuck Meyer, Ozzie Toste, Eddy Jimenez, Jaime Magana, Jerry Dias, Sean Sheaffer.

Inexperience leads to downfall of young team

With only 17 members at the start of the season, the Girls Soccer Team faced serious disappointment early in the season. When the Panthers met Atwater for their first game, junior Tami O'Laughlin pulled a ligament in her knee on a sliding play, an injury that kept her sidelined for much of the season. Not only did the Panthers lose a valuable player, but the game as well, with a final score of 0-1.

Before the second game, the hard work they had put into their practices had convinced the girls that they had the skills and potential necessary to be winners, but they couldn't swing it, losing 0-3 to Central. Concluding the first half of their season, their 2-3 loss to Beyer proved to be their highest scoring game.

The first game of the second half was again against Atwater, but this time neither team emerged the victor, as they tied 1-1. The remainder of the season was a major disappointment, for the Panthers didn't score again, and struggled through their final games to seventh place (last) in CCC play.

Two of the outstanding players of the team were sophomore Denise Presley, who scored the four goals, and freshman Mona Simmons, the goalie. These two earned places on the All-CCC first and second teams, respectively.

With determination to play as a team, the girls entered the championship tournament held February 6 at the MJC West campus. Though they came out on the losing end once again, they displayed that much-needed teamwork style, showing themselves and their competitors the improved ability from which they expect to begin next year.

—Joe Gallardo

1 Goalie Mona Simmons blocks the shot of a Beyer Patriot.
2 Sophomore Pam Ketchum concentrates as she dribbles the ball down the field.
3 Martha Sandoval strives to gain control against a Downey player.

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4 Tami O'Laughlin moves to steal the ball from a Central opponent.
5 Avoiding two Raider runners, Liz Oliveria maneuvers the ball past the Central defenders.

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below, Girls Soccer Team, front row: Manbin Khaira, Lucy Toste, Liz Oliveria, Inez Silveira, Laura Archuleta. **back row:** Tami O'Laughlin, Stephanie Hunstable, Maria Scarbourgh, Karen Stein, Denise Presley.

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6 Using the skill acquired by years of practice, Denise Presley guides the ball past a Downey opponent.
7 Laura Archuleta moves the ball towards the goal.
8 While not playing goalie, Mona Simmons moves the ball with precision.
9 Liz Oliveria receives a pass from a team member.
10 Manbin Khaira struggles to keep ahead of a Downey player.

coach Frank Lopez

Girls Soccer Scoreboard

Modesto		Oppnt
0	Atwater	1
0	Central	3
0	Downey	3
0	Turlock	8
1	Davis	7
2	Beyer	3
1	Atwater	1
0	Central	2
0	Downey	2
0	Turlock	1
0	Davis	4
0	Beyer	2

'We had an inexperienced team and a first-year coach, but we did our best at every game.'
—Denise Presley

Panther sluggers stun opponents with talent and determination

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'We have the most potential any MHS baseball team has had in years," stated varsity baseball coach Marty Boer. The Varsity Panthers displayed a brilliant combination of natural talent and determination as they consistently dazzled opponents.

Throughout the season, the main strength of the team was the pitching staff, led by Jeff Grigsby and Kevin Nelson, and supported by Dennis Wend, Ron Henry and relief pitcher Frank Lopez. Behind the powerful hurling of these experienced athletes, the remainder of the team forged itself into a group that was a formidable opponent.

Backing up the pitchers were the infielders, including a very talented sophomore, Humberto Urquidez. Forming the final bastion in the Panther defense, outfielders Felipe Ybarra and Shawn Henry combined their abilities to successfully field nearly all the long hits. The combination of all three of these elements formulated one of the most powerful defenses in the league.

The offensive aspects of the team were nearly as impressive. Randy Ragar headed the list of standouts, consistently getting on base, where he could use his speed to the greatest advantage. Following him was Dennis Wend, also consistent in his hitting and running. Finally, designated hitters Jeff Mora and Randy Dill applied the needed muscle, frequently "hitting one out there" at just the right time.

Two tournaments, the Dick Windermouth Easter Classic and the Reno tourney, gave the team unique opportunities to display their continuity. "This could be an outstanding year for Panther baseball players," predicted coach Boer as the season began. "The success of the season will hinge upon the togetherness of the group. If we pull for each other and the chemistry mixes well it will be a fun year. However, if players are concerned only about individual performances, it could prove to be a long season." The unity of the team proved to be a major asset, and helped carry the Panthers to a successful conclusion.

—Denise Presley

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below, Varsity Baseball Team, front row: Humberto Urquidez, Felipe Ybarra, Richard Ferrell, Jeff Bradley, Melvin Borja. **second row:** Shannon Nicholson, Randy Dill, Ray Oliver, Dennis Wend, Shawn Henry, Randy Ragar. **back row:** Francisco Lopez, Jeff Mora, Kevin Nelson, David Zehnder, Jeff Grigsby, Ron Henry.

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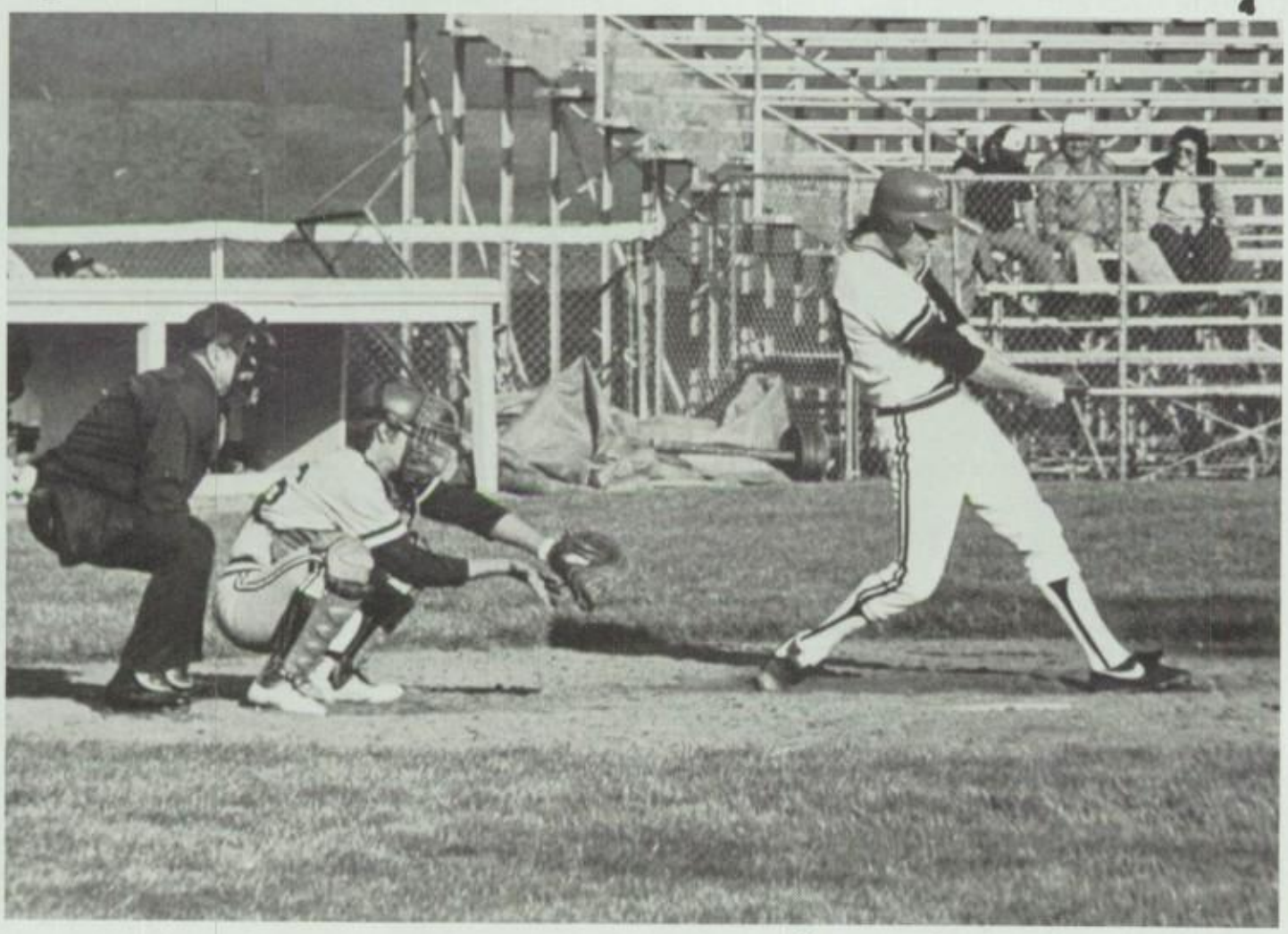

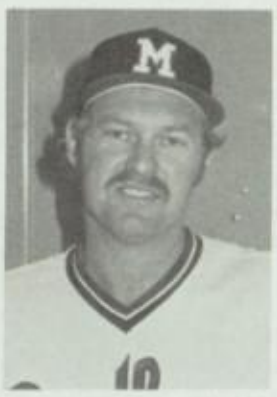

coach Marty Boer

coach Ron Vermeulen

'It has been a most enjoyable season working with this particular group, some of whom I've had for three years.'
—Marty Boer

'This has been the best year since I've been playing varsity. The team wanted to win a lot more, and we had two super coaches to work with us.'
—Randy Ragar

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1 Randy Ragar quickly glances toward the ball as he rounds third base.
2 Catcher Jeff Mora dives into second base to avoid a tag.
3 Dennis Wend follows through on his pitch and catcher Jeff Mora waits for the ball.
4 Senior Kevin Nelson connects for a double in the Atwater game.
5 Slugger Randy Dill keeps his eye on the ball as he swings for the fence.
6Outfileder Shawn Henry concentrates on getting a base hit as the pitcher winds up.
7 Panther Ray Oliver is rewarded with a hit as Dennis Wend awaits his turn at bat.
8 Sophomore Humberto Urquidez goes out for an infield fly ball as Randy Ragar covers second.
9 Listening to his coach, Ron Vermeulen, Randy Ragar speedily rounds first base.

Offense strikes out for Panther kittens

1 Beating the throw to second, Mike Toso slides, barely saving himself from a potential out.
2 Timing his swing exactly, David Wilson hits a line drive to left field.

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"**Inexperience** proved to be our downfall. The rain was also a factor because we couldn't practice as much as we needed to. Needless to say, the guys tried hard and most had a good attitude, which was not only needed but also helpful," stated JV coach Paul Abby.

One big surprise was the pitching staff. Led by Gary Hibbs and Danny Nova, they succeeded in sending numerous opponents back to the bench. Other members of the staff included Vince Furtado and freshman Bobby Ott.

"Our weakest point was the offense. We had a hard time putting everything together. It's the biggest reason we lost games," said Coach Abby. Two who did well as sluggers were Danny Nova and J.B. Nicholson.

Defensively speaking, the outfield, comprised of Rolando Aguilar, Bobby Ott, Mike Toso and Mike Goncalves, was very young and inexperienced, "but with a couple of practices and games behind them they improved," said assistant coach Dan Guzzi.

The infield was probably the strongest point of the club. It consisted of J.B. Nicholson, Lucas Alberto, and freshmen Jesse Mendonza and David Wilson.

Another promising team was the freshman club. Stated Coach Wayne McGhee, "They will be a solid team after a few more games together. There is some definite individual talent and potential. If they work hard enough by the time they are juniors and seniors they will be excellent baseball players."

The offensive side of baseball was their strongest point. They received help there from Jeff Brown and Leslie Kilcrease. The remainder of the team worked well with this kind of example, receiving encouragement and inspiration from first year coach McGhee. The relationship between the coach and players was especially close, and there was an enormous amount of respect from both sides.

—Denise Presley

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4 Jesse Mendonza watches closely as Jeff Brown winds up for another strikeout.
7 Sophomore pitcher Bob Ott fires a fast ball as Lucas Alberto is prepared for a grounder.

below, Sophomore Baseball Team, front row: Rolando Aguilar, Marcos Madrid, Vince Furtado, Jerry Miller, Brian Nicholson. **second row:** Mike Goncalves, Lucas Alberto, Daniel Nava, Jose Garcia, David Wilson. **back row:** Walter Sutton, Victor Curci, Gary Hibbs, Bob Ott, Mike Toso, coach Dan Guzzi.

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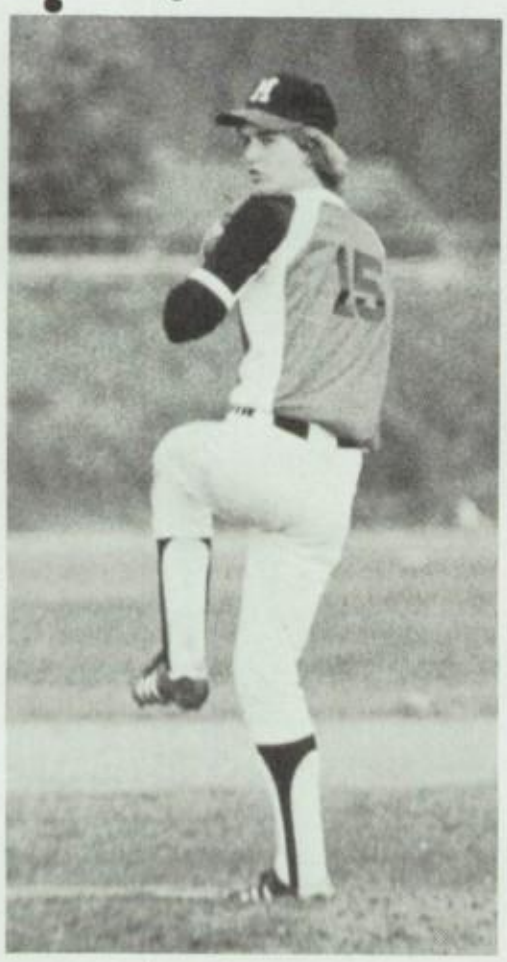

sophomore coach
Paul Abby

sophomore assistant
Dan Guzzi

freshman coach
Wayne McGhee

freshman assistant
Tony Toso

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3 Speedy Walter Sutton steals second as the Downey second baseman is pulled off the bag to catch a poorly thrown ball.
5 While stealing second base, Jesse Mendonza keeps a watchful eye on the pitcher.
6 Sonny Nash eyes the batter as he winds up for a sizzling pitch.
8 Third baseman Vince Furtado jumps to catch a line drive.

above, Freshman Baseball Team, front row: Sean Shaffer, Craig Nash, Butch Coonce, Kelly Macy, Jim Johnson, Ken Boggs, Leslie Kilcrease, Mike Kiryakos, Shawn Williams, Lincoln O'Kezie. **back row:** coach Wayne McGhee, Tim Gorne, Jeff Brown, Donny Coonce, Sonny Nash, John Green, Martin Rico, Ralph Reyes, Donny McGregor, Junior Shaird, John Sprinkle.

Girls still 'soft' on pitching, fielding

With fifteen varsity and nineteen junior varsity players, the softball teams had a surprisingly good turnout; more than in past years.

The varsity team was fortunate to have the experience of ten returning players on which to draw. Outfield strength was provided by three outstanding veterans, while infield power was drawn from the pool of returning underclassmen. Rounding out the team with first year additions was Finnish exchange student Sari Kasanan. Softball was a very new experience for Sari, who found it different than any of the sports she played at home.

The team anticipated a season with a strong start, but foul weather and wet playing fields forced three pre-league games (Tracy, East Union, and Livingston) to be postponed. When the weather finally cleared off, league play began, and we faced the two toughest CCC contenders— Merced and Atwater— and lost to both.

Leading the team's offensive drive with powerful hitting and speedy base-running were Sheryl Hardenbrook, Denise Presley, Karen and Karol Corgiat, Bernadette Coito, Chris Mihelis, and Sandi Grover.

Key defensive players included third baseman Bernadette Coito, pitcher Chris Mihelis, first baseman Sheryl Hardenbrook, second baseman Karol Corgiat, shortstop Karen Corgiat, and catcher Denise Presley.

"Pitching is the name of the game," remarked varsity coach Jess Garcia, "and that's really where we are weak; but with time we'll come around." He also added, "When we get together and make a positive move toward a common goal, we'll start winning. We're 0-2 now, but that shouldn't be an indication of what the season will be like."

At the opening of the season, new JV coach Frank Jenkins commented, "Hopefully, we'll do well in softball and have fun at it." Regarding main offensive players, Jenkins responded "All are equally talented; no one stands out from the rest."

Rallying behind the pitching of Stacy Lamphear, martha Morales and Christine Nielson and the skills of third baseman Anne Verissimo, the JV team began to pull together. "The pitching staff could be improved, but we'll do well with what we have!" observed Coach Jenkins.

The coaches of both teams entertained high hopes, and set their sights on winning at least half their games. —Juliet Costa
—Chris Mihelis

1 Freshman pitcher Stacy Lanphear concentrates on throwing another perfect strike.
2 Catcher Denise Presley lunges to stop another Merced runner from scoring.

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6 Freshman first baseman Nadine Nunes positions herself as she waits for the next ground ball.
7 Pitcher Lisa Andrews lets go with another strike.
8 Karen Corgiat anxiously awaits the throw from the catcher, to tag out the Merced runner stealing second base.

below, Varsity Softball Team, front row: Stephanie Heersink, Janica Emig, Sandi Grover, Denise Presley, Denise Aguirre, Chris Mihelis, Inez Silveira. **second row:** coach Jess Garcia, Jackie Trujillo, Regina Avila, Bernadette Coito, Lisa Andrews, Karol Corgiat, Karen Corgiat, Sheryl Hardenbrook.

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varsity coach Jess Garcia

JV coach Frank Jenkins

below, JV Softball Team, front row: coach Frank Jenkins, Chris Beatty, Andrea Pollock, Mary Urquidez, Irene Ramos, Lori Howell. **second row:** Maria Salsi, Laura Archuleta, Holly Beatty, Christine Nelson, Maria Scarborough, Jennifer Wells. **back row:** Trina Ingram, Amber Kirksey, Nadine Nunes, Shannon Jones, Anne Verissimo, Stacy Lanphear, Sabrina Farris.

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3 Junior shortstop Sheryl Hardenbrook fields a tough grounder hit her way.
4 Third baseman Bernadette Coito patiently waits for the fly ball to drop into her glove.
5 Junior first baseman Chris Mihelis reaches for the ball to make the out a step ahead of the batter.
9 Centerfielder Denise Aguirre expertly returns the ball to the infield after catching a fly ball.
10 Sophomore Stephanie Heersink waits for the exact moment to swing the bat.

Fleet-footed Panthers out-run, out-jump opponents

Back to coach varsity track for the second year in a row is John Miller. Under his responsibility a very strong squad developed, showing the definite potential early in the season to take the CCC crown. Despite the loss of several of last year's stars through graduation, a solid nucleus remained in the form of eight seniors: Tim Simmons, Roland Roberts, Elias Alberto, Scott Tomlin, Hugo Ortiz, Ponci Madrigal, Jeff Cagle, and first-year trackster, Bill Gunter.

Sprinter Simmons, a great all-around competitor, was a top contender for the 100-meter crown as well as the triple jump. Roberts, returning with the hope of improving his own MHS record in the discus, dominated the event again all year. Alberto, a great long distance runner since his freshman year, continued his grip on the number one spot in the mile and 2-mile events. He was capably backed up by Ortiz and Madrigal.

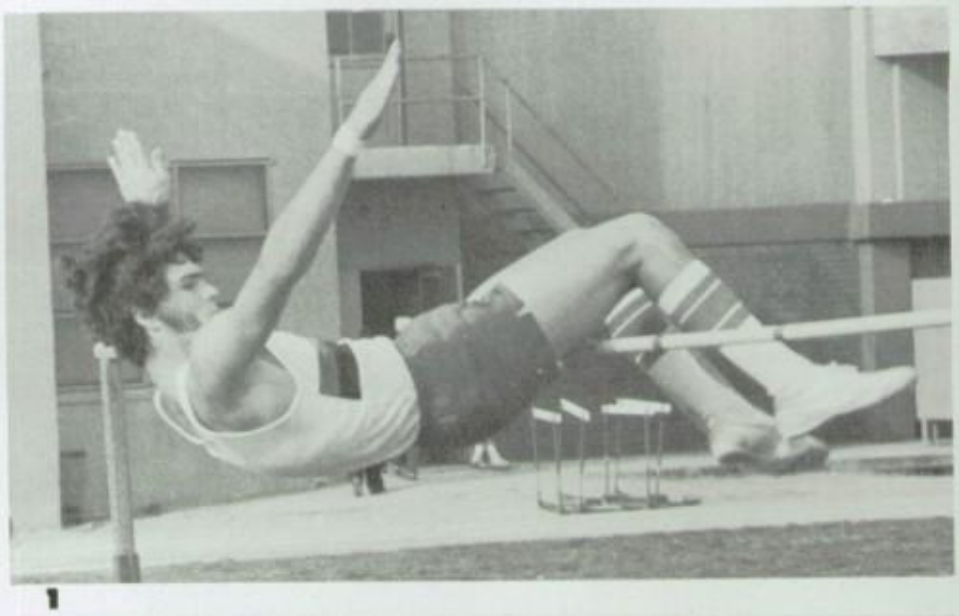
Tomlin proved very strong in the 100 and low hurdles, and was a major contender in the CCC. Cagle continued to excel in the pole vault. Competing in track for his first year, Bill Gunter was a real asset to the team as an all-around field man, placing high in the shot put, discus, and pole vault at every competition.

Putting the muscle on this well-developed skeleton was the job of the rest of the team, and two major contributors were junior Tommy Warren and freshman Patrick Peterson. These two men could very well help to form the core of the team next year.

In addition to talent, the team also had a great amount of spirit and drive. When a job was done well, there was praise enough, but likewise when problems developed there was no shortage of assistance. Encouragment among team members was a significant part of the squad, and, said Tommy Warren, "the thing I liked most about our team was the team spirit. Especially how we helped each other as a team and not just individually."

It was the combination of all these qualities: ability, experience, spirit, and drive, that led to a successful season for the Varsity Track Team. —Scott Tomlin
—Mark Ketchum
—Tommy Warren

1 Senior Roland Roberts clears the high jump bar during a league meet.
2 Freshman Patrick Peterson strains to outdistance his opponents in the broad jump.
3 During the 440-relay, Tim Simmons successfully hands off the baton to an eagerly waiting Tommy Warren.



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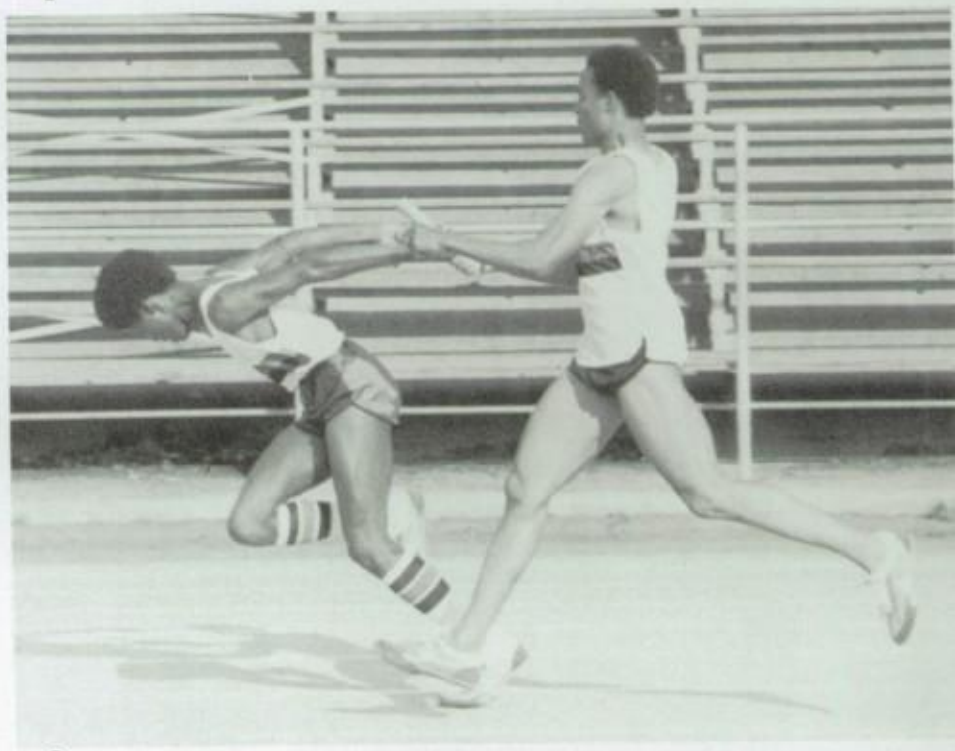

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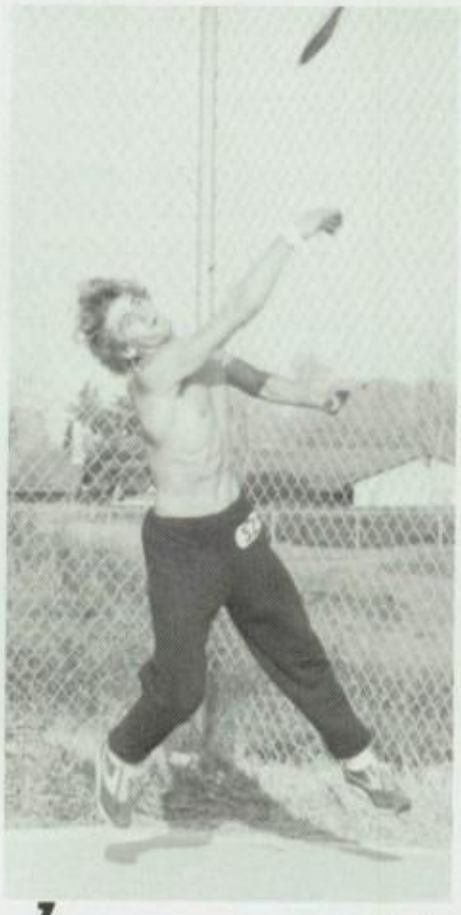
below, Boys Varsity Track Team, front row: Bill Gunter, Carlos Pineda, Nate Montez, Sam Gonsalves, Ponci Madrigal, Elias Alberto, Tommy Warren, Juan Nevarez, John Shaw. **second row:** Roland Roberts, Marvin Davis, Mike Ricklick, Tim Simmons, Jeff Wilson, Mike Dixon, Patrick Peterson, Louis Madrigal, Hugo Ortiz, Jeff Cagle.



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head track coach John Miller

'Looking at the entire track and field program, I am very satisfied with the results this year and excited about the prospects for the future. We have a lot of fine young athletes, and all I can say is, watch out TVL!'

—John Miller

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4 Pole vaulter Bill Gunter watches as he clears the bar.
5 Tommy Warren easily outpaces his opponent in the 110 high hurdles.
6 Hugo Ortiz, Juan Nevarez and John Shaw outdistance their opponent in the 2-mile race.
7 Discus thrower Bill Gunter concentrates on the disc as it sails into the air.
8 With a final burst of speed, Tim Simmons breaks the tape to win another race for the Panthers.
9 Vernon Roman struggles to exceed his own previous record for another first in the shot put.
10 Freshman Marvin Davis skillfully glides over the high jump bar at the Downey meet.

Small squads tumble Panther chances for JV runners, gymnasts

As recently as the mid-1970's, Modesto High was a contender in almost every sports program that was offered. With the passage of Proposition 13, much of the previously routine state funding was reduced. Now, the athletic program depends entirely on District allocations, the Booster Club, and the Student Council for funding. These sources have been unable to increase their allocations sufficiently to keep up with inflation. As a result of this, many schools, like MHS, have been forced to drop or reduce their emphasis upon some of the so-called "secondary sports."

Mr. Bill Yard, the boys gymnastics coach, remembers five years ago when his team had a different attitude toward competition. They held meets with Davis, Downey, and Beyer, and each had a team of at least six varsity members, with others waiting for an opening position. While in yesteryears the team would have traveled as far as Berkeley or Sacramento, now they only participate in one three-way competition near the end of the season: with Tracy and Sonora.

The Boys Gymnastics Team was made up of three seniors, Archie Abid, David Amaya, and Robert Florez, one sophomore, Darren Fletcher, and one freshman, Jorge Carreno, who was the only man on the floor.

Unlike previous years, when JV Track often had a stand-out in every event, many of the most promising young athletes were moved to the varsity level for competition this year. Also different than before, the JV team was comprised entirely of sophomores, the only freshman, Patrick Peterson, having previously been moved to the varsity level. These changes, while helping the varsity to maintain its position as one of the best in the league, made JV competition exceptionally difficult, particularly against the larger schools with well-rounded JV teams.

The coaching staff consisted of coaches John Miller, Mike Kiyoi, and Jose Guerrero. Miller and Kiyoi also served as varsity coaches, and Guerrero took over as the girls coach.

—Debbie Bowling

1 JV runners Troy Campbell and Gabriel Pacheco establish a firm lead in the beginning of the race.

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3 Sophomore Dennis Brophy maintains steady pace during the 880.
8 Showing good technique, Sam Cousin throws himself over the high bar.
9 Freshman David Escobar takes th head of the pack in the 2 mile.
10 Senior Archie Abid balances himse on the rings.

below, JV Track Team, front row: Anthony Oda, David Escobar, Sam Gonsalves, Mike Ordonez, Gabriel Pacheco. **back row:** Sam Cousins, Carlos Pineda, Dennis Brophy, Eddie Jiminez, Troy Campbell, Patrick Peterson.

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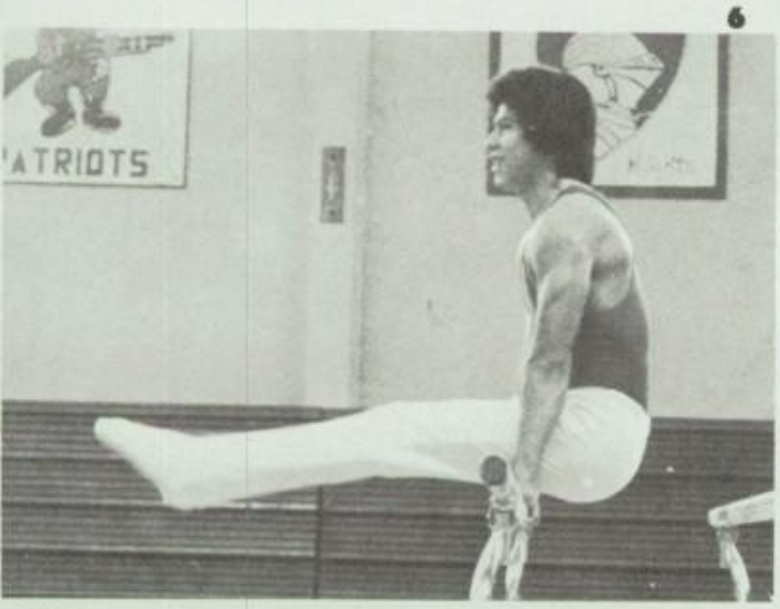

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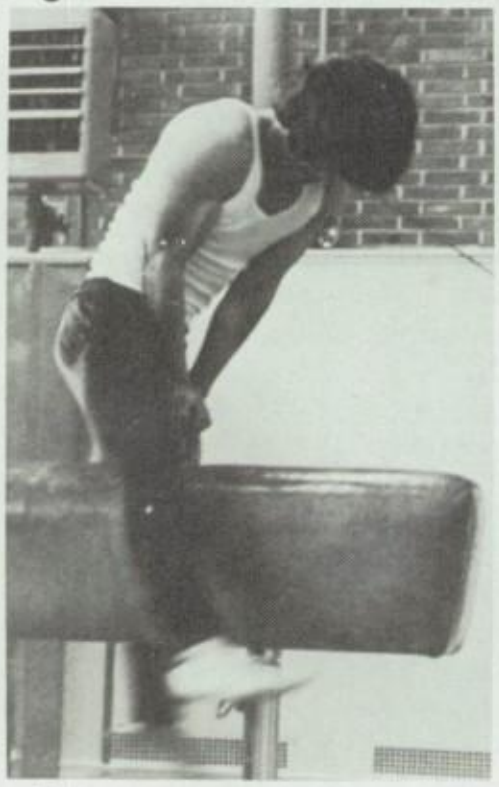

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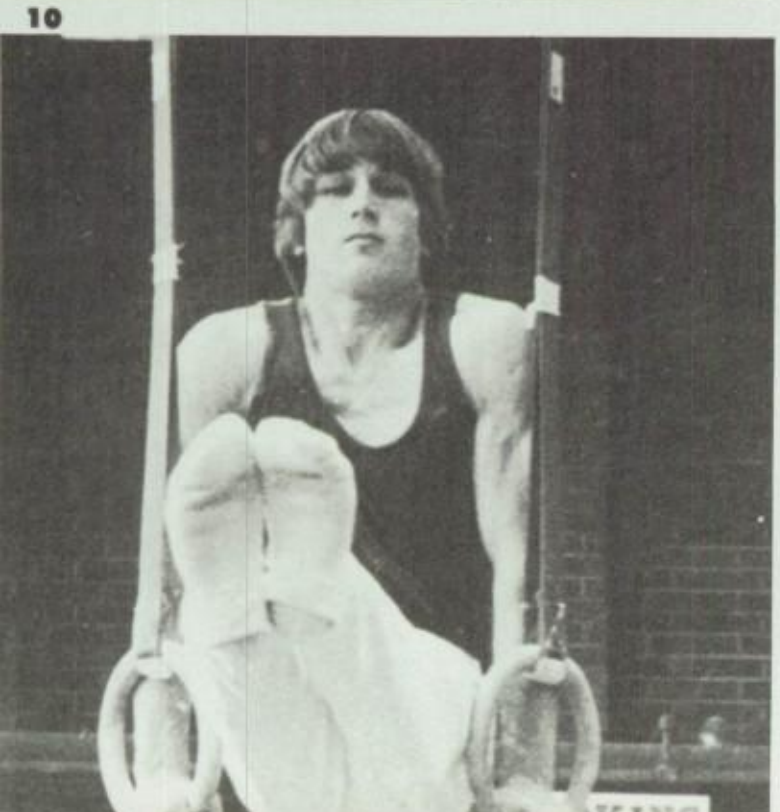

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2 Clearing the bar by only inches, Sam Gonsalves pulls in another first.
4 Against two Atwater opponents, Sam Cousins strives for the lead on the home stretch.
5 David Amaya shows skill and endurance on the horse.
6 Robert Florez holds a position before going on with his routine on the parellel bars.
7 Concentrating on the rhythm necessary to his routine, Robert Florez shows grace while on the parellel bars.

soph-frosh track coach Jose Guerrero

boys gymnastics coach Bill Yard

above, Boys Gymnastics Team: George Carreno, Archie Abid, Robert Florez, David Amaya.

'They are a great group of guys. They are smaller than some teams have been but they have more. I look forward to working with them each day.'
—Bill Yard

1 Sophomore Melinda Lee hands off the baton to senior Teresa Chavez.
2 Speedsters Melinda Lee and Mona Simmons race to beat their Downey competitors.
3 Sara Gonzalez strides toward the finish line.

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Distaff harriers stride toward league leadership

Faced with a new coach and a new philosophy to follow, the Girls Track Team had a big job ahead of them. Adjusting to the new coach, John Miller, they also learned to cope with more extensive and strenuous workouts. Said one member of the team, "I had heard that track was 'no sweat,' but was I ever misled! I've never worked so hard in my entire life!"

One thing they definitely had going for them was talent. Led by senior Teresa Chavez, sophomore Melinda Lee, and freshman Mona Simmons, the team met every opponent head-on. They were filled with determination and a desire to win.

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Stated Melinda Lee, "The only thing that matters when we're doing our event is that we cross the finish line first, jump the highest or throw the farthest, and we usually do."

The fact that these hard workers worked well together was another point in their favor. Close-knit in their support of each other, no one was ever too busy to stop and help someone who was having trouble. This carried over to competition, where at every event at least one other girl was there to coax the contender on to a better score. Because of this sense of camaraderie, they established themselves as top contenders in the CCC.

After winning their first four pre-season meets, they approached league competition with confidence. Said Coach Miller, "These girls, although they are a small group, are going to be competition for anyone in the league. In fact, it's going to take everything another school has to beat us."

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The main strength of the team lay in the relay teams and the sprinters. Teresa Chavez, Diane Ranuio, Melinda Lee and Mona Simmons comprised the 440 relay team, while Wendy Beauvais, Melinda Lee, Patricia Williams and Teresa Chavez made up the mile relay team. Mona Simmons and Melinda Lee were the main short distance runners, and field competitors Camilla Tillman, Brennita Norris, Carla Jarvis and Vera Thomas beefed up the team.

—Chris Aldana
—Denise Presley

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above, Girls Track Team, front row: Brenitta Norris, Mona Simmons, Carla Jarvis, Melinda Lee, Patricia Williams, Charlita Crane, Sabrina Beasley. **back row:** Elizabeth Oliveira, Wendy Beauvais, Niki Smith, Vera Thomas, Luvenia Williams, Lucy Toste, Sara Gonzalez.

assistant track coach Mike Kiyoi

'There was a lot of talent to work with. It was hard in the beginning because of the change of coaches but everything turned out for the best.'
—Teresa Chavez

4 Teresa Chavez sails over the top in her favorite race, the 330-low hurdles.
5 Wendy Beauvais tries to put a few more inches into her jump.
6 Receiving a perfect baton exchange, Patricia Williams runs her leg of the relay.
7 Using all her strength, Mona Simmons tries to stretch her jump as far as possible.
8 Approaching the broad jump pit, Melissa Lee concentrates on getting her stride just right.
9 Niki Smith and Shirley Duncan take the lead in the hurdles.

Gymnasts balance talent, experience for 2nd straight CCC championship

Improving on a CCC championship can be a difficult task, but it is the one that the MHS Girls Gymnastics team faced going into the 1982 season. Experience at competing and winning were prominent factors that promised a victorious repeat of last years' season.

By using the experience of six returning varsity players and six new ones, the MHS girls went to work with a busy practice schedule which proved to be successful as they took the CCC championship for the second year in a row.

Coach Carolyn Leathers feels strongly about having a championship team. She stated early in the season that "you don't just beat a team by a certain amount of points. Not only do you compete as individuals, you compete as a team. That is the most important quality a team can have." To have a good competitive team means you have to have a good coaching staff. Senior Melanie Morrow stated, "When your team has outstanding coaches, your performance is a reflection of them."

Using the experience of outstanding seniors Maureen Simpson, whose strongest points are the vault and uneven bars; Laure Bradford who excels in vault and the floor excersise; versatile Melanie Morrow whose strong point is the vault; Sandy Lubeck who is also very versitile and is strong in every event; Kathy Satterwhite whose strong event is the vault; and Dede Marks who excels in the floor excersise.

"We are very strong in every event, and we have equally strong seconds that are ready to back up their team members when needed," stated Mrs. Leathers. "We also have an equally strong Junior Varsity Team, which has also taken the CCC championship, with team leaders Pam Ketchum and Kris Lee."

The excellence of both teams will help to carry on the MHS gymnastics dynasty for many years. —Sheryl Hardenbrook

1 Smiling confidently, Kristin Lee puts a little grace into her floor routine.
2 Perfecting her beam routine, Melanie Morrow concentrates on a dramatic move.

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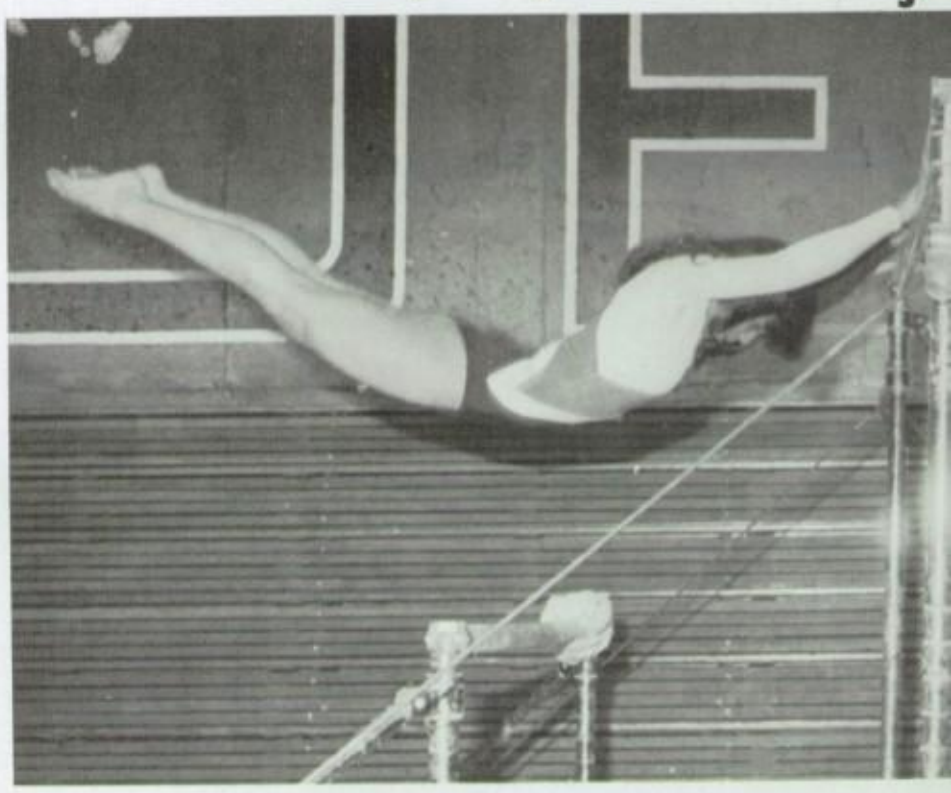

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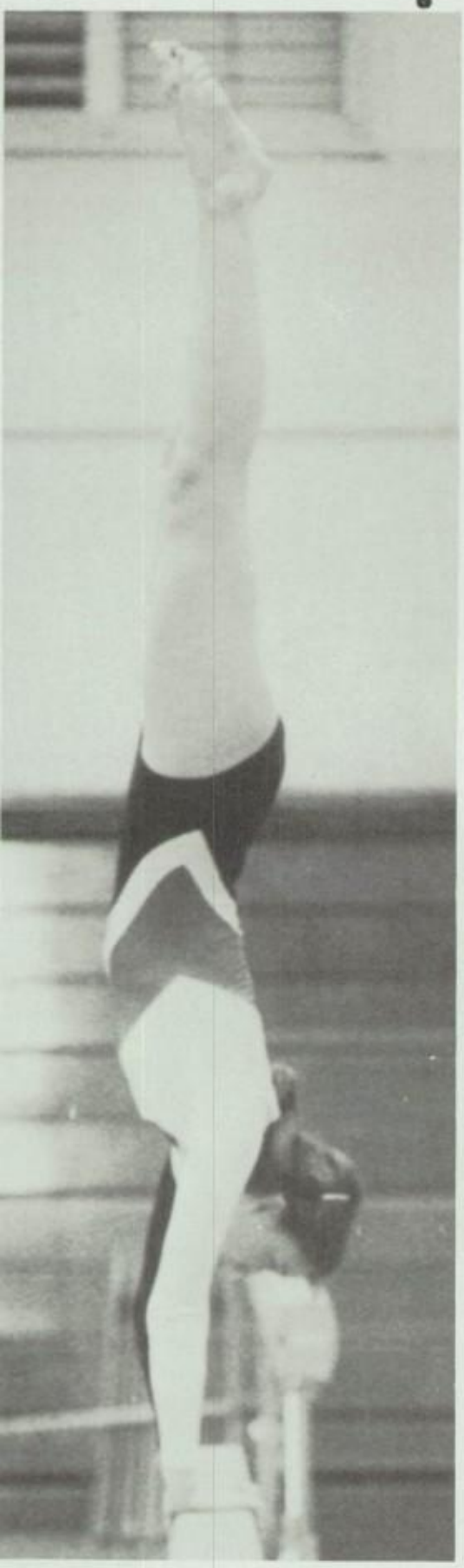
below, Varsity Gymnastics Team: Melinda Simpson, Maureen Simpson, Doreen Jenkins, Kathy Satterwhite, Dede Mark, Valerie Stafford, Leslie Anglim, Linda Gunter, Lauri Bradford, Penny Grace, Melanie Morrow, Sandi Lubeck.



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varsity coach
Carolyn Leathers

JV coach
Jim Troust

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Buddy Brewer

3 Nancy Ragar mounts the uneven parallel bars to start her JV routine.
4 Showing determination, Pam Ketchum pauses during her compulsory JV beam routine.
5 Giving an almost flawless performance in her favorite event, Melinda Simpson nears a bar wrap in the compulsory uneven parallel bars routine.
6 Sandi Lubeck holds a difficult handstand on the beam.
7 Concentrating on keeping her routine flowing, Laure Bradford listens to her accompanying music.
8 Doreen Jenkins' routine shows her poise and flexibility.
9 During her floor exercise, sophomore Leslie Anglim shows the graceful form that outshone the competition.

above, JV Gymnastics Team, front row: Sandra Contreras, Nancy Ragar, Kelly Davis. **second row:** Robin Grimes, Kris Wing, Tina Deatherage. **back row:** Pam Ketchum, Nannette Horny, Gina May, Sharon Roberts, Kristin Lee.

Tennis nets losing season, Golf drives to improved standing

Two big problems hurt the Boys Tennis Team during their spring season: the inexperience of the majority of the team, and the lack of practice time due to poor weather conditions at the beginning of the year.

Both of the practice games ended as losses, but the team came away with some much needed experience, as was evidenced in successive games. Despite the fact that most of the matches were lost, the results overall were encouraging because of the growth of the team.

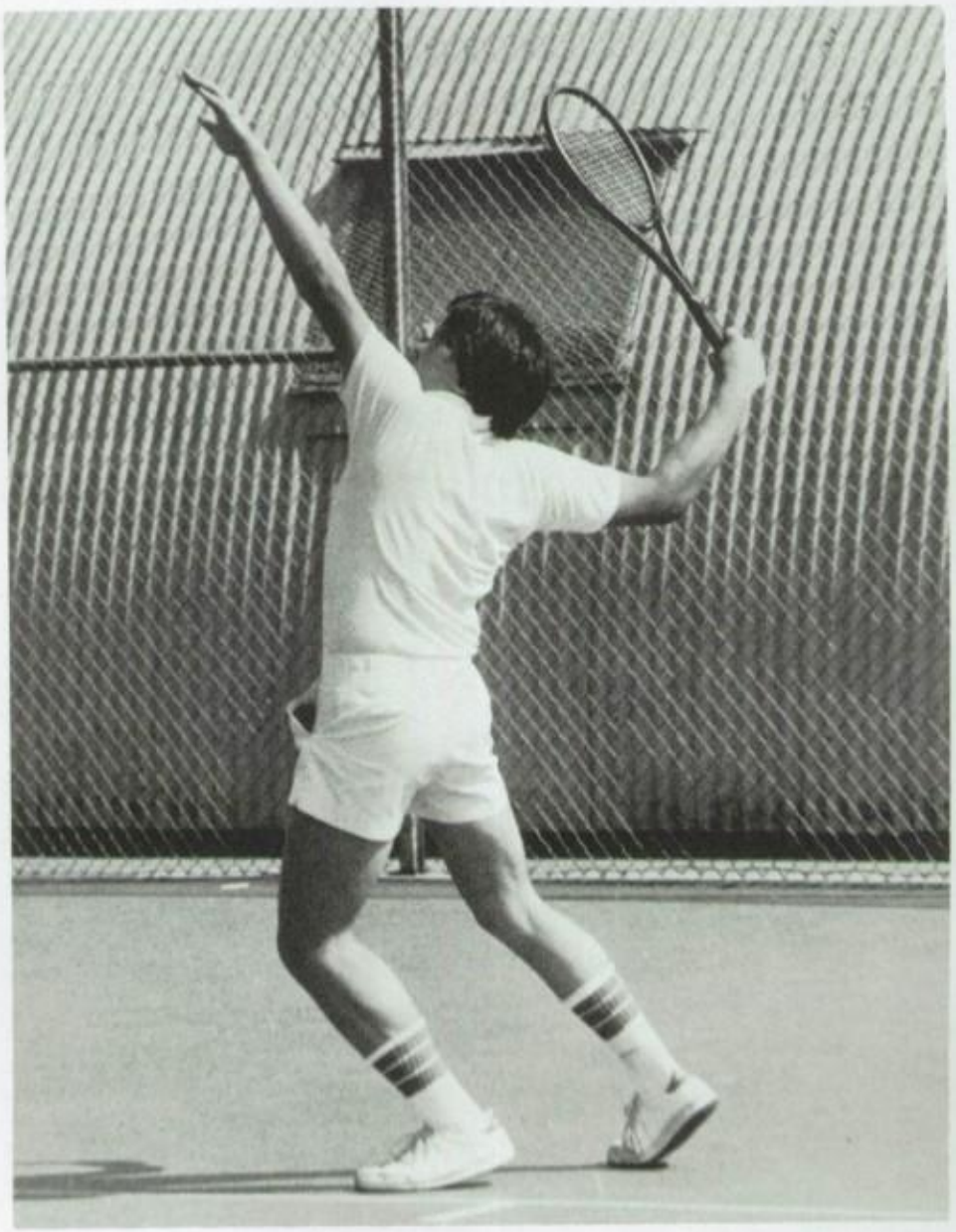
"We have to be realistic," remarked coach Dee Killam. "We can't compete with Davis or Beyer, so my goal is really limited." Both Davis and Beyer have team members who play with the racquet clubs in town, and some who have attained state level competition. These people proved to be nearly impossible opponents for a team comprised of only two seniors, one junior and numerous sophomores and freshmen. This coupled with the lack of desire to play for a losing team, created a rather weak Panther team. Despite these obstacles, Miss Killam's main objective was to provide competition for Merced, Atwater, and Central Catholic, and gain at least a few victories.

The golf team faced similar problems. With only one senior on the team, the golfers had to compete with schools fielding club players. The team was made up of 14 players, led by junior Chris Aldana, who returned from the previous year, and was a key member when the final tallies were taken. The team was better over-all than in past years, and managed wins over some of the tougher schools. This gave the team a feeling of confidence during following matches, a major element in good golf.

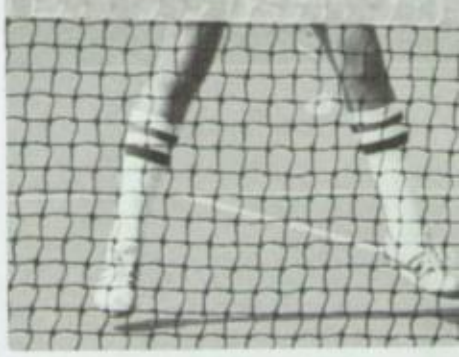
Most of the players agreed that the standing of the team was higher than they, or even coach Herb Poddig, had expected.

In spite of all the problems and difficulties they faced, both the tennis and the golf teams ended the season on a pleasant note, with a collection of outstanding moments amid the more depressing ones to look back on.

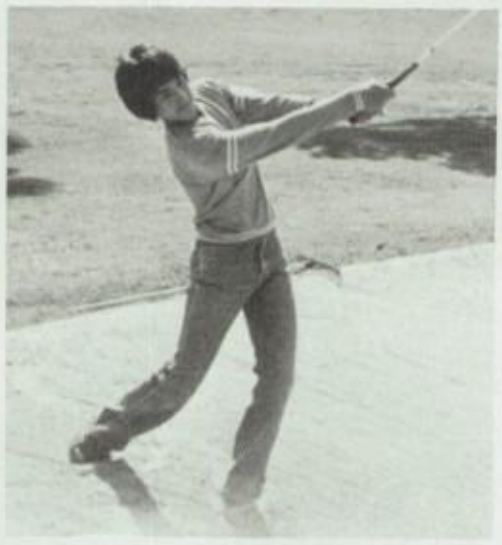
—Juan Fernandez



1 Sophomore Roger Wright returns a difficult shot.
2 Brothers and doubles partners Eric and Darin Dennison easily compete with their opponents.



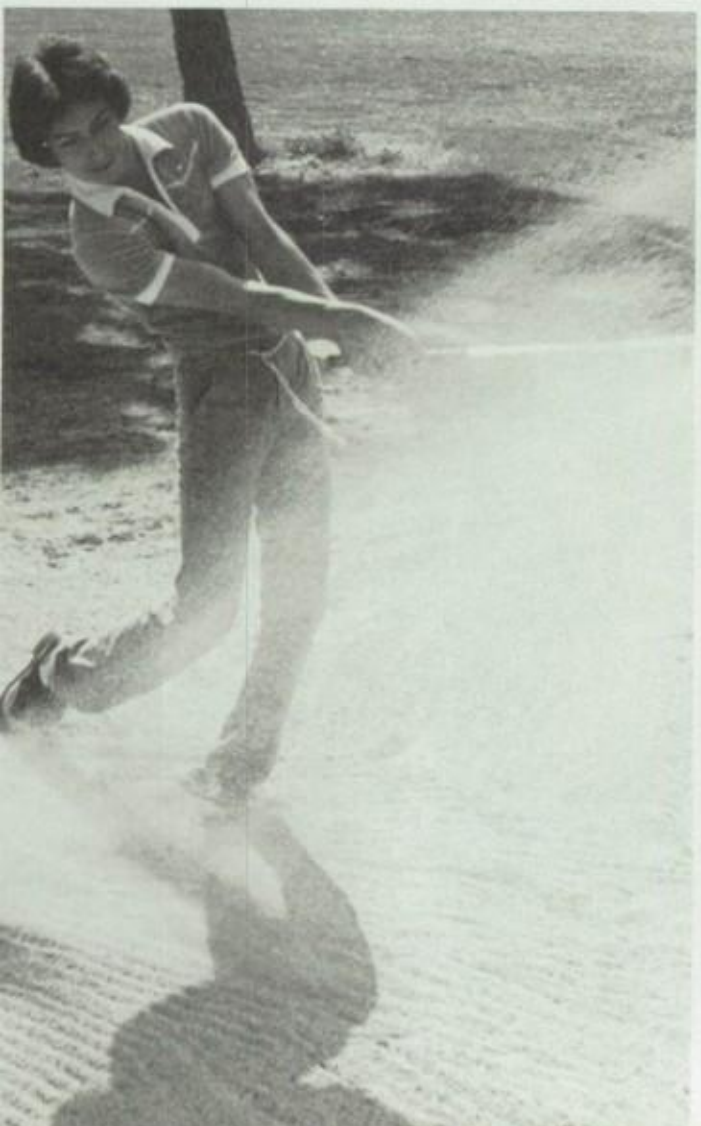
below, Boys Tennis Team, front row: Darin Dennison, Jim Gibson, Bob Stamy, Eric Dennison. **back row:** Jim Boer, Bill Knowlden, Roger Wright, Juan Fernandez.



boys tennis team coach
Dee Killam

golf team coach
Herb Poddig

'Improvement over last year's team was evident: their attitude, skills, everything. This was a most successful year.'
—Herb Poddig



3 With grim determination, exchange student Juan Fernandez puts away another oppoonent.
4 Sophomore Richard Brunetti follows through after a fairway shot.
5 Getting out of a sand trap, freshman James Aldana swings carefully.
6 Senior Bob Stamy prepares to ace an opponent.
7 Confident Jim Boer moves to return a serve.
8 Enduring the hardships of a difficult course, Chris Aldana blasts his way out of a sand trap.
9 Junior Brian Nevitt goes into his swing.

above, Golf Team, front row: James Aldana, Sheldon Kinsfather, Richard Brunetti, Doug Venturini, Jeff Charron, Jeff Hardenbrook, Tom Miller. **back row:** coach Herb Poddig, Doug Nevitt, Brian Nevitt, Dave Lopez, Chris Aldana, Bruce Chancellor, Jeff Stanley.

left: Eddie Aguirre listens carefully as Mr. Harlan Elving demonstrates the proper hand position for using table saw safely.

below: Joining their classmates for a Basic Skills Test in the cafeteria, Francisco Chapa, Richard Clou Mike McGrath, Pete Adams, Kevin Stambaugh, Chris Lehikainen, Hugo Ortiz; Todd Ellis, Ramo Goodloe, Joe Gallardo, Juan Fernandez, Ponci Madrigal, Bill Gorman, John Brughelli; Tim Simmon Lori Strohm, Jeff Azevedo, Kelli Duran, and Joe Lozada concentrate on doing their best wor

insets, top: A Border Patrol Agent describes his job at a Career Club meeting.

center: Vice president Pam Short and president Tim Simmons listen attentively to advis Diane Dinsmore at a Student Council meeting.

bottom: Giving their best for a good performance, Lauri Medeiros, Benny Medrano, Sabri Farris and Robert Escobar join other Marching Band members at the fall King's Rally.

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Involved

academics on the rise; indifference, apathy hurt clubs

To many students at MHS, getting involved was much more than just 'having a good time;' it was a way to make their high school days a little more tolerable, a little more enjoyable, a little more memorable. Students got involved by joining clubs and spirit organizations, playing in sports, and participating in academic activities.

Although many students complained about the lack of activities in which to participate, they were usually reluctant to join those already established, or to help organize new ones. With no extracurricular activities in their lives, it is not surprising that they characterized school as boring and uninteresting.

Early in the year, the annual organization of clubs began. Some of the more active clubs included Business, 'S', FFA, VICA, MASA, BSU, AFS, CSF, Art, French, and German Clubs. Sadly, many had only a handful of students who really wanted to join and participate in the club's activities. The same situation could be seen throughout the year in other aspects of school life: sports teams were generally smaller, as were general rally and the band, with apathy and indifference widespread. While the usual active clubs dominated the campus, lesser clubs lapsed into indifference and inactivity. The most noticable example was Block M, the letterman's club, which failed to organize itself at all.

There were, however, many students who did get involved with different activities, and therefore found their high school life had much to offer; for some, their days were so filled with meetings, fund raisers, work sessions, and promoting the final events that they sometimes had difficulty even completing their regular class assignments.

For them, getting involved meant making a commitment of both time and energy to promote enthusiasm and school pride. They served on various student government positions, from freshman officers to student curriculum committee to inter-high council; they planned dances, banquets, assemblies, and parties of a wide variety of kinds; they planned and prepared signs, publicity, costumes and skits for dress-up days and rallies. For these people, their busy and fun-filled high school days will be remembered with fondness.

—Sandi Grover

Newspaper thrives as 'in-house' production; Quill & Scroll Society honors outstanding writers

Most schools have a student newspaper that reports what's happening around the campus. For nearly fifty years, MHS has been home to **The Broadcast.** Everyone on the staff, from editors to newest reporters, was required to be a student at the school; only the advisor, Mr. Tony Pruitt, was a member of the faculty.

Publishing another issue every two weeks, the staff continued the format from last year of an 8½ x 11 tabloid, filled with a variety of news and feature stories. A few of those included: the latest results in boys and girls sports, record and movie reviews, letters to the editor, a feature on a car belonging to an MHS student, and stories on the various clubs and events happening throughout the year.

This year's staff featured co-editors: Jaime Johnson and Tom Lima. With Jaime's expertise at the typesetter and Tom's in proofreading and paste-up, they made an excellent team. They commented, "We are really proud of a job well done by the staff this year. The devotion and time put into the production of the paper shows an improvement over past years."

In addition to the typesetting and paste-up functions in which the whole staff was involved, there were two other "crews" which helped to make **The Broadcast** unique for the second year: it was completely produced on campus. A group of Graphic Arts majors prepared negatives and printing plates in Mr. Vince Sereno's classroom, and students in Mrs. Aileen Campbell's Model Office class ran the offset press.

The most skillful sophomore, junior and senior wordsmiths were nominated to become members of the Quill and Scroll Society, a national honorary organization for outstanding high school writers. Students cannot join but must be nominated by their school's journalism advisors, which, at MHS, are Mr. Ken Williams, Mr. Tony Pruitt, and Mr. James Shuman. An end-of-the year meeting held jointly with Davis High Society members and a local writer as guest speaker is the traditional function of this club.

—Connie Dias
—David Snyder

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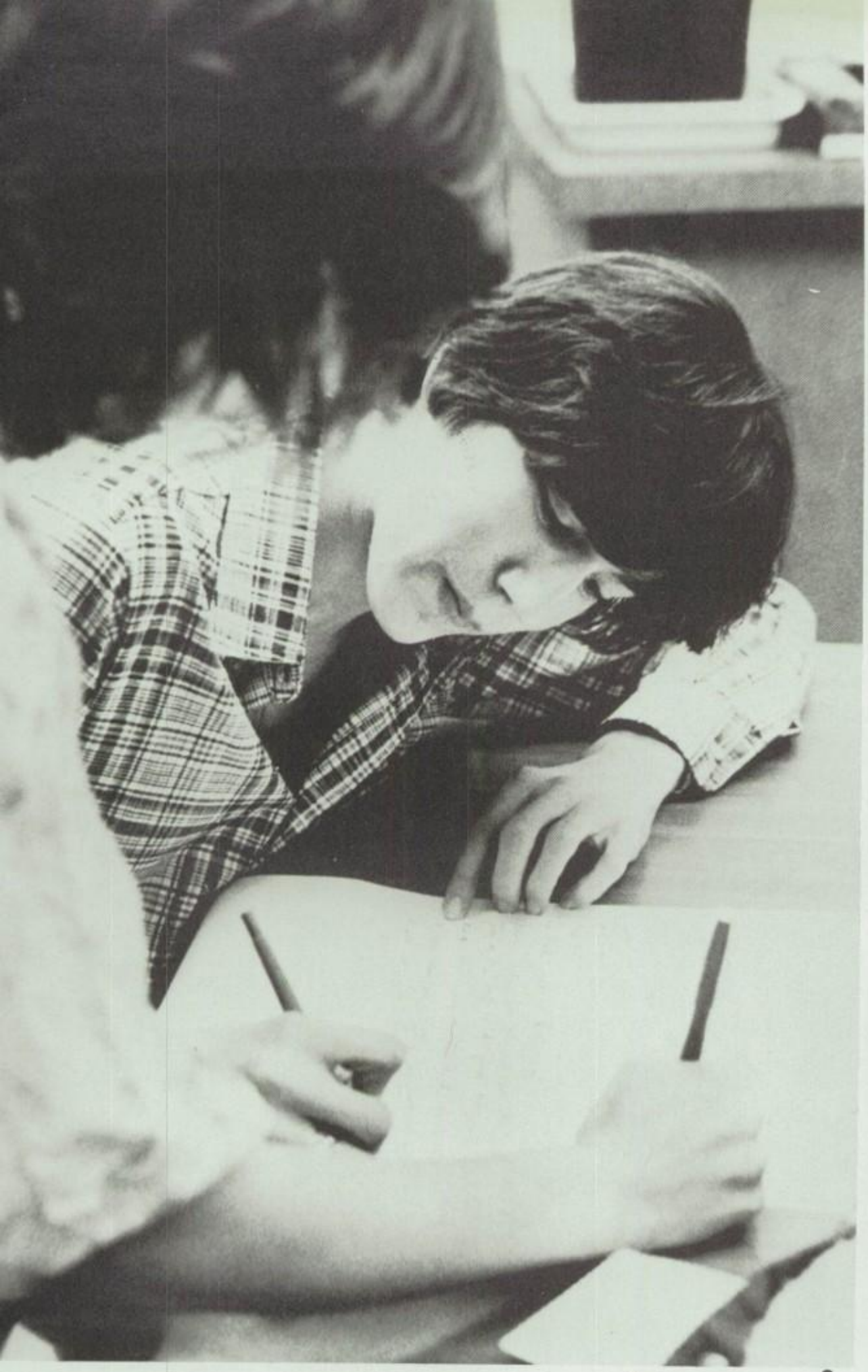
above, Broadcast staff, front row: Stephanie McGrath, Lisa Campos, Jaime Johnson, Tom Lima. **second row:** Doug Hudson, Pam McClure, Doug Bently, Beth Moore. **third row:** Lisa Romine, Cindy Harrison, Janet Strickland, Tammy Noffsinger. **back row:** Cynthia Pollard, Philip Henry, Ronelle Foust, advisor, Tony Pruitt.



1 Graphic Arts Production Team, Troy McCutcheon, Brian Nevitt, Jody Weston, Mark Baker, Eric Ziegler.

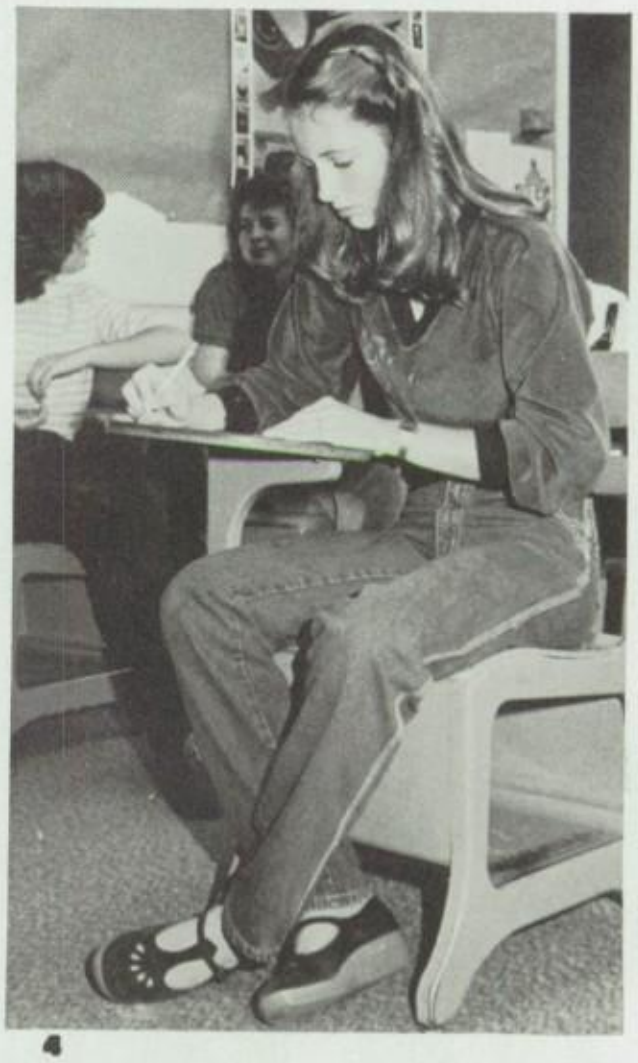
2 Putting his creative talents to good use, Tom Lima quickly scribbles down another 200 words for the Write-A-Thon.

3 Printing Production Team, Melissa Palmer and Lorna Hennessee.

4 Sabrina Farris puts the finishing touches on her thousand-word essay about the Family Planning Center, which was published by the **MTA Best.**

5 Co-editor Jaime Johnson uses the journalism computer to typeset the newspaper's stories.

6 Displaying their finished Write-A-Thon product, a scroll over 150 feet long, Tony Pruitt, Cindy Harrison, and Janet Strickland join twenty-five other participants in the courtyard to show off their accomplishment.



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above, Quill and Scroll Society, front row: Tammy Noffsinger, Jaime Johnson, Connie Dias, Mary Yandell, Denise Aguirre, Raquel Ramirez, Sandy Grover, Stephanie Garber. **second row:** Sabrina Farris, Diane McHale, Karen Fernandez, Chris Mihelis, Paula Peeper, Lisa Dickson, Cindy Harrison, Janet Strickland. **back row:** Michelle Haley, Robert Florez, Tom Lima, Stephanie McGrath, Jeremy Shuman, Jerry Taylor, Denise Presley.

above, Sycamore Staff, front row: Harvey Pimentel, Chuck Houser, Jeremy Shuman, Chris Aldana, Jake Weston. **second row:** Sandi Grover, Bob Stamy, Chris Mihelis, Joe Gallardo, Denise Presley. **third row:** Verna Chalk, advisor James Shuman, Lisa Dickson, Debbie Bowling, Dalinda Angelo, Cindy Borges, Karen Fernandes. **fourth row:** Juan Fernandez, Paula Peeper, Ponci Madrigal, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Julian Martinez, Juan Garcia, Gregg Reim. **fifth row:** David Snyder, Bill Knowlden, Clint McCullough.

1 1982 **Sycamore** editor Bob Stamy gets set to "focu on" his subject.
2 Staff members Martin Dieu, Jessica King, John Halfor and Juliet Costa work on their assignments: picking pic tures, composing copy, and writing captions.

Small staff seeks 'insights' as members 'focus on' 1982

Producing a quality yearbook is a tradition at Modesto High School, and the inexperienced 1982 **Sycamore** Staff encountered many difficulties in following in the footsteps of their predecessors.

Dedication was not their strong point, and deadlines were hectic and often late. Most of the students found it difficult at the beginning of the year to realize the amount of time it took to complete a quality book.

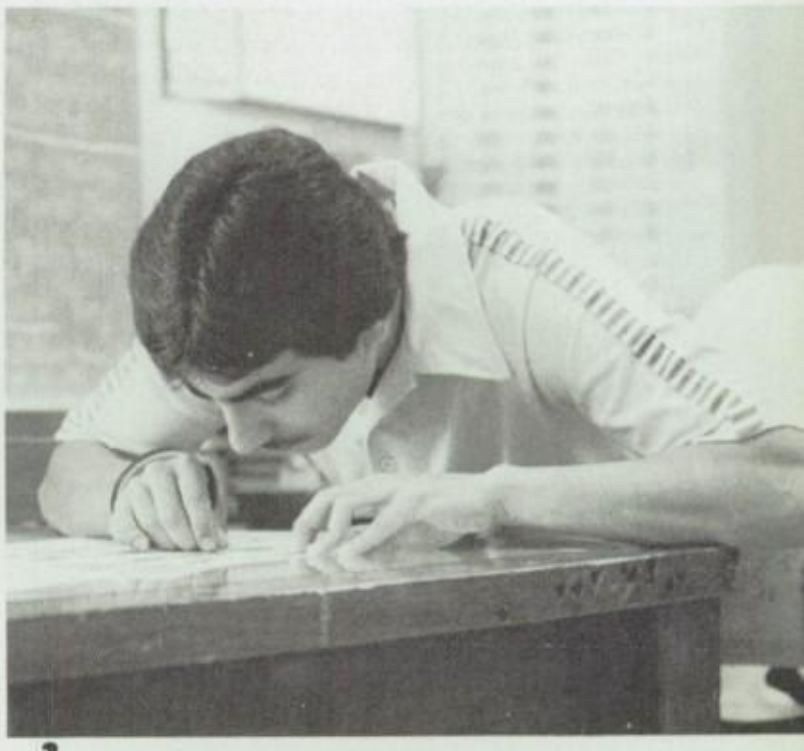
Early in August, editors Bob Stamy, Joe Gallardo and Jeremy Shuman, along with advisor James Shuman, attended a yearbook conference in Santa Barbara. Upon their return, a staff meeting-brainstorming session was held, during which theme ideas and suggestions were discussed. At a second meeting shortly before school began, a more extensive brainstorming session took place, resulting in the choice of 'Insights' as the theme, with a sub-theme of 'Focus On' replacing the traditional profiles.

Following countless hours of searching through other yearbooks, source books and major magazine publications (**Life, Look,** and **Sports Illustrated**), the unique opening section, layout styles and other graphic designs were agreed upon and the work began.

Comprised of 15 seniors, 14 juniors, and 1 sophomore, the staff was one of the smallest in years. In addition, both the original photography editor and original business manager resigned during the course of the year. The typesetter and three other staff members also left the staff at the end of the first semester. By juggling responsibilities, the remaining twenty-four staff members survived these losses, gaining valuable experience in conducting interviews, arranging photo appointments, choosing good pictures, writing quality copy, and general compatability toward people.

Always looking for ways to improve, the 1982 **Sycamore** was the first MHS yearbook to contain a die-cut, on the front end sheet, since it seemed appropriate to the theme. Originating and expanding on new ideas was a challenge that all people involved with the yearbook learned to master.

Those who survived the hectic days and late nights agreed that production of the 1982 **Sycamore** was a valuable experience, even fun at times, despite the many hassles. Learning to live, to laugh, and to love together was one of the many achievements of the 1982 staff. —Robert Stamy



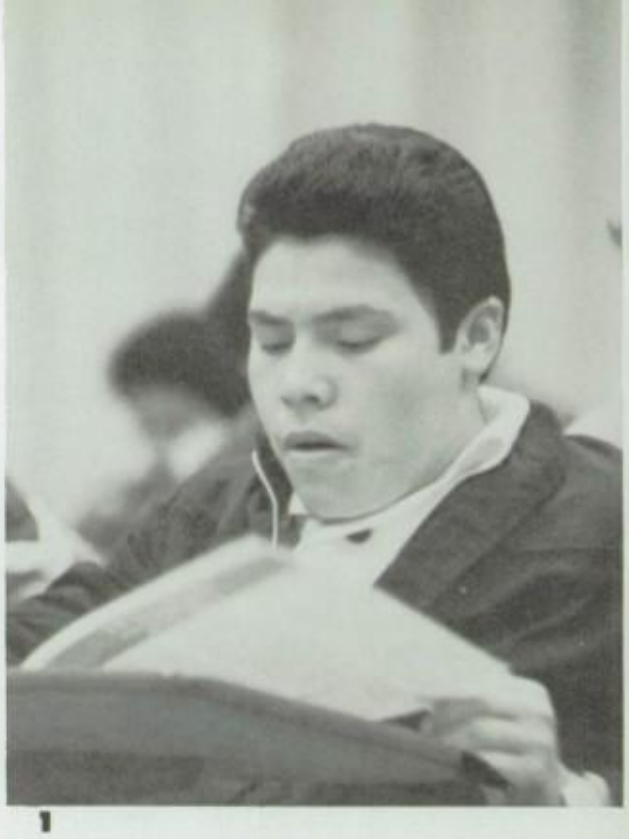
3 Layout editor Joe Gallardo carefully pastes up one of the 128 yearbook spreads.
4 Copy editor Jeremy Shuman listens as his father, advisor James Shuman, explains why it would be better to re-phrase a sentence into past tense.
5 Carefully focusing the negative in the enlarger, photo editor Harvey Pimentel prints another of the more than 1,200 candid pictures in the yearbook.
6 Junior Chris Mihelis labors to complete the index by crossing off each name as its page number is entered onto the file card for that person.

Fewer classes, higher enrollment, English Department holds its own

Low budget, old equipment, and oversized classes were only a few of the problems facing the teachers in the English Department. Even with these difficulties, though, students received quality instruction in the areas of reading, writing, and grammar. Many students found that the magazines and newspaper articles used in the clasroom often made learning more interesting.

For the first time, reading and writing competency scores were considerably higher than the basic state achievement scores. Another first was the development of the GATE (Gifted and Talented Education) program for freshmen. In addition to a math and social science class, 27 students met with Mr. Kenyon first period every day for their English class. This class moved at a faster pace and spent less time on review. Mr. Kenyon admitted that, occasionally, the students challenged him more than he was ready for, but he felt the class should be continued because it was one of the best learning experiences at the school. Agreeing with that assessment, the administration plans to expand the program with a sophomore class next year, as well as extending it to other areas.

Each year, many students elect to take related courses offered by the English Department. One of these is the journalism program, consisting of photojournalism, typesetting, beginning journalism, newspaper, and yearbook, of which only beginning journalism carries substitute English credit. Another popular alternative credit class is speech, taught by new staff member Ken



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1 Noe Oviedo concentrates on his assignment oblivious to the work of fellow classmates around him.
2 On the first annual 'Quiche Day' in Masterpieces, Lori Strohm and Susan Bauman enjoy their food while Imelia Perez talks to a friend.
3 English teacher Ron Vermeulen lends his assistance to students Clayton Kittle and Lisa Hanley.
4 While listening to a Shakespeare recitation, Carol Ellis, Shawn Robertson, Denise Presley, Marcella Chavez, Victor Curci and Richard Brunnetti begin to lose interest.
5 During a hot classroom debate on plea bargaining, Loren Dieu awaits the next question from John Klink.

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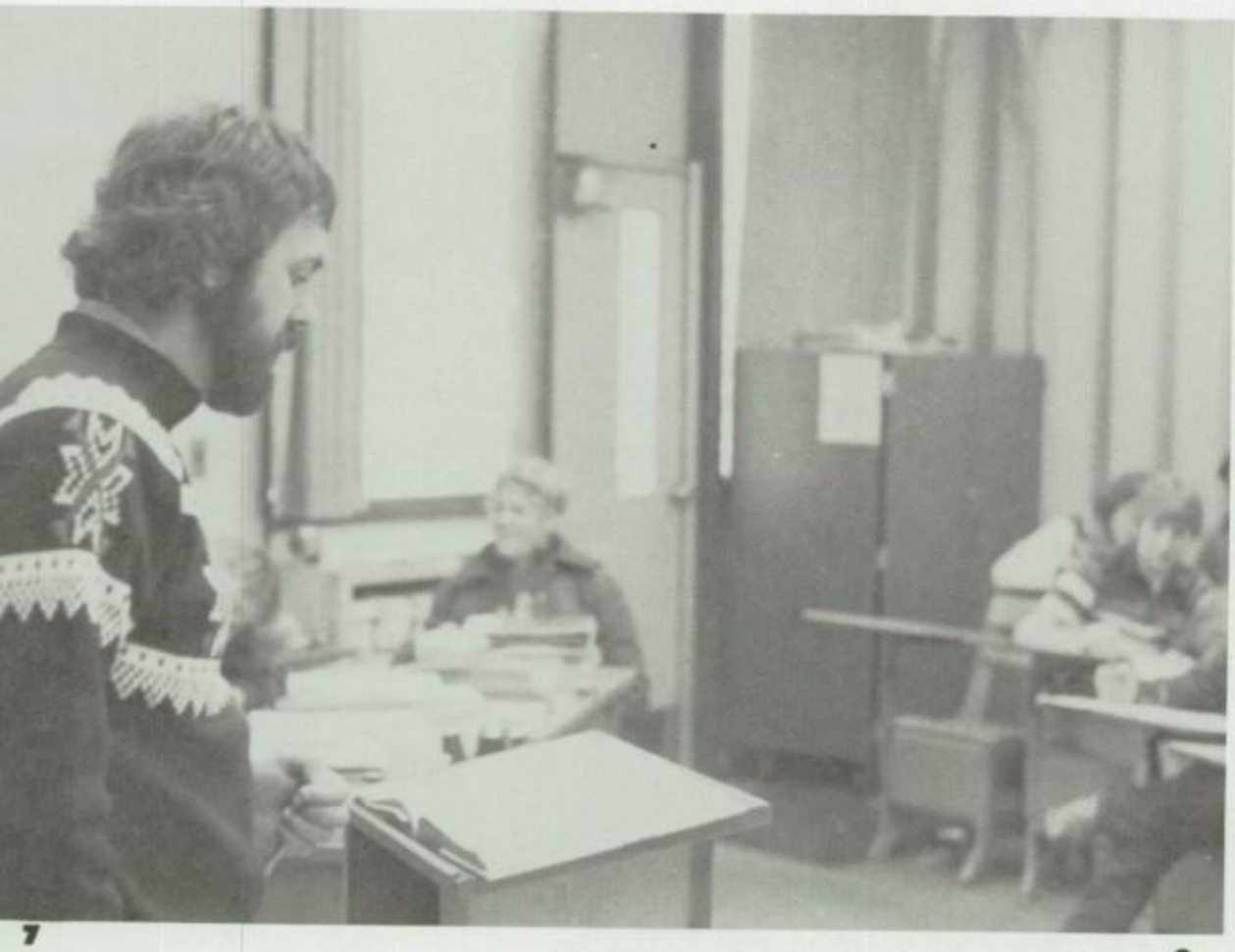

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Adair. Students in this class learn how to do all the different kinds of competitive speeches, including debates, and choose one to do on their own. Students are encouraged to attend speech tournaments, and those who do earn points by placing in their event. These points are recorded, and counted toward NFL (National Forensic League) membership. Upon earning 25 points, a membership certificate is awarded to the student, and subsequent points are applied toward higher rankings.

A major problem for the NFL was insufficient funds. Stated Sean Wani, "It was very hard to compete anywhere except those which were very close, which cut us out of most of the major competitions." Besides being assessed the $30 activity fee, the finances for competitive trips had to come from either fund raisers or the team members' pockets. —David Snyder

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6 In a scene from **The Christmas Carol,** drama students Gary Ranuio and Becky Petty play Dick and Belle.
7 While his class listens attentively, Mr. Jim Autry delivers his lecture on prepositions.
8 In Mrs. Baker's English class, students Ray Oliver, Martha Lopez, Noemi Garcia, Hilda Vallejo, Sheryl Montalongo, Bill Gunter and Levina Williams work diligently on a unit test.
9 Advanced Photojournalism students Juan Garcia and Robert Stamy listen carefully as Mr. Shuman explains how to synchronize the flash unit to the camera.
left, NFL Club, front row: Hugo Vera, Lauri Medeiros, Denise Presley, Maria Contreras, Sean Wani. **second row:** Renato Balenovich, John Klink, Veronica Vasquez, Phil Cearly, Pauline Veldhuizen, Ron Corrales. **back row:** Ron Lopes, Robert Escobar, Loren Diew, Don Porcella, Paul Klink, Doug Hudson, Jason Kanar.

Council leads student government

Student government at MHS is divided into two main branches: the Student Council and the Student Curriculum Commitee. Of the two, Student Council is the most powerful.

Elected by a vote of the entire student body, Student Council indirectly governs the clubs on campus by approving their requests for promoting activities and controling the ways in which they raise their money, so that smaller clubs have equal opportunity with the larger ones without unnecessary competition. The Council also personally sponsored several activities through the year including dances, Christmas stores, Cupid-O-Gram sales and class—club competitions.

Student Body President Tim Simmons is active in more than just Student Council; he also heads the Big Brother, Big Sister committee, is a member of the Student Acredation Committee, and also represents MHS students at School Board meetings. "It's a lot of work but it's fun," says Tim.

The Student Curriculum Committee, though larger than the Student Council, is actually much more limited in power. Its role is mainly one of advice, and it serves as a go-between for students and administrators. It meets regularly with department heads. Its president, John Hallford, is also a member of inter-high council, and a member of the Student Accreditation Committee.

One of the main concerns of the Committee was the possible elimination of minor sports. The Committee circulated a questionnaire among the students, asking them to

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above, Student Curriculum Committee, front row: Vicky Johnson, John Hallford, Laurie Medieros, Jeff Hardenbrook, **back row:** Mr. Richard Lang, Jeremy Shuman, Mr. Dan Caton.

4 During a Student Curriculum meeting, president John Hallford discusses old business with Bill Knowlden, Debbie Bowling, Jeremy Shuman and others.

5 Student Council members Laure Bradford, Laurie Walker, Hugo Ortiz and teresa Chavez react with varying degrees of enthusiasm to a new proposal.

rank all the sports offered in terms of which they felt were most important. This gave the committee an idea of where the greatest student interest was. They turned their findings over to Principal Dick Lang, for the pupose of helping to decide which sports were most important to the students themselves.

—Bill Knowlden

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left, Student Council, front row: Shawney Clark, Luvinia Williams, Tim Simmons, Pam Short, Maria Contreras. **back row:** Shelly Avila, Sabrina Farris, Laurie Bradford, Teresa Chavez.

1 Student body secretary Cindy Borges takes minutes as Lavinia Williams listens patiently.

2 Student Council members Sabrina Farris, Pam Short, Tim Simmons, Shawney Clark, Maria Contreras, Doug Bentley and Laurie Walker discuss fundraising proposals presented by clubs.

3 John Hallford listens intently to committee member's proposals.

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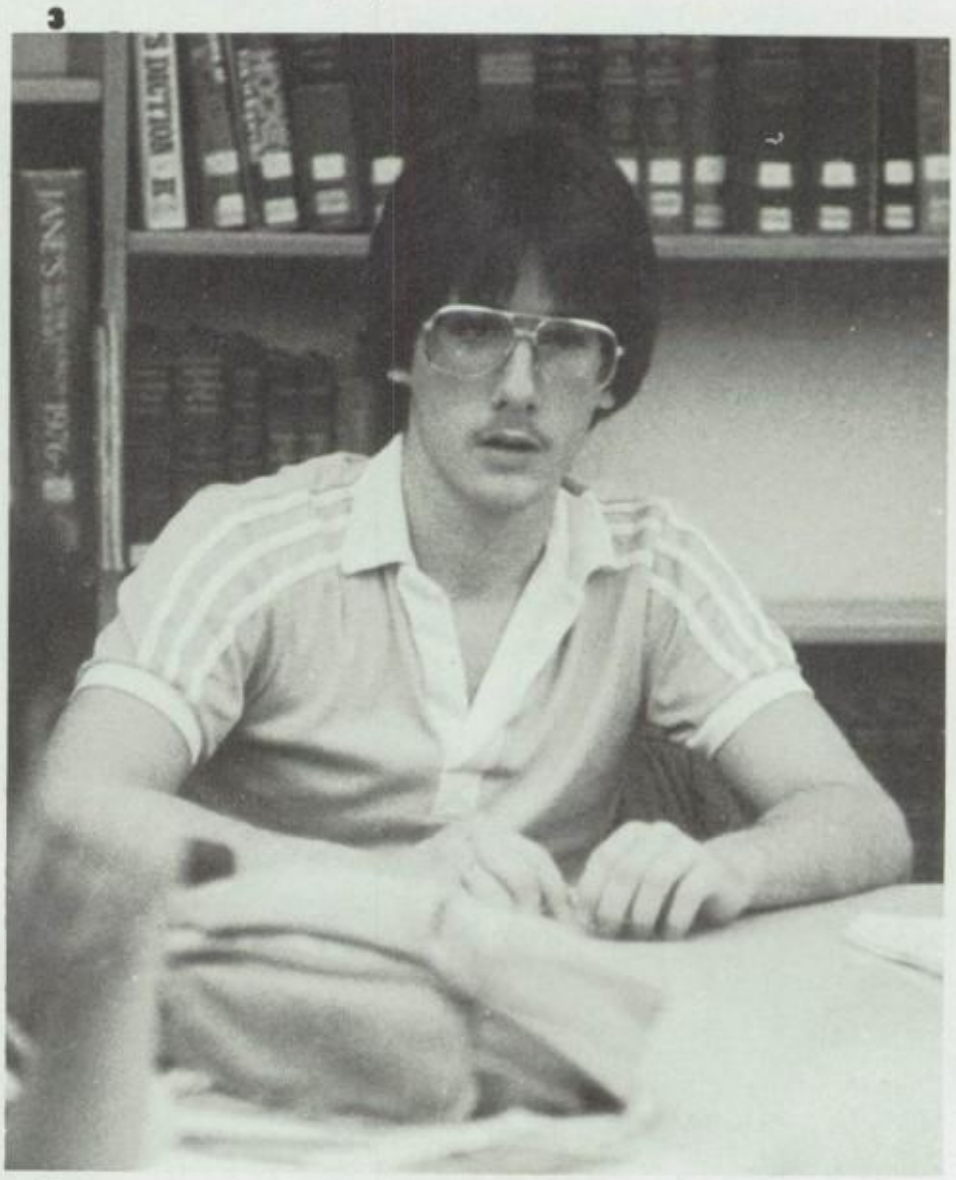

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6 During a Curriculum Committee meeting, Jeremy Shuman, Yolanda Madrigal, Shelly Stamm, Laurie Medieros and John Hallford give their viewpoints on the truancy policy.

Social Science offers classes for everyone; AFS accepts four

From World Geography in the freshman year to Government the senior year, students are kept busy memorizing names and dates, countries, cultures, and governments. But there is more to Social Science than that. The department is responsible for instilling a basic understanding of land mass, world culture and history, American history, productive citizenship in a complex society, and the workings of different types of governments.

Headed by Mr. Jack Sample, the Social Science Department consisted of eleven instructors teaching courses ranging from ESL to Consumer Awareness to GATE. There were courses required at every grade level, including the six-week Consumer Awareness class at the sophomore level for all students on the General Plan, and juniors who failed to pass the Social Science minimum competency test found themselves taking a remedial course during the fall semester.

For those students who yearned to see the culture and government of a foreign country

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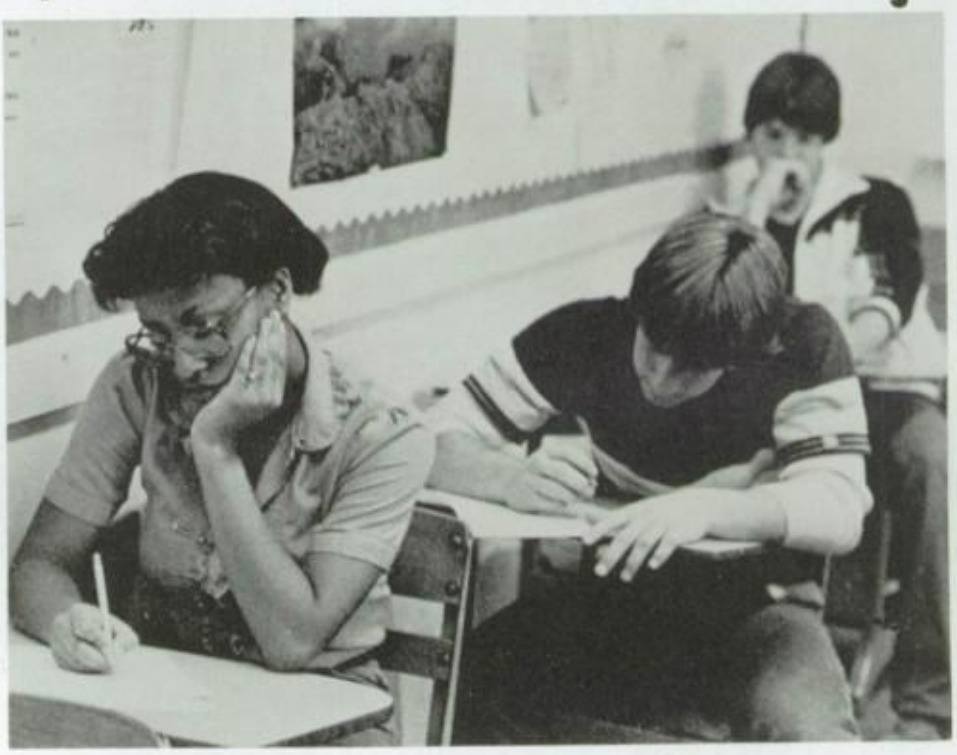

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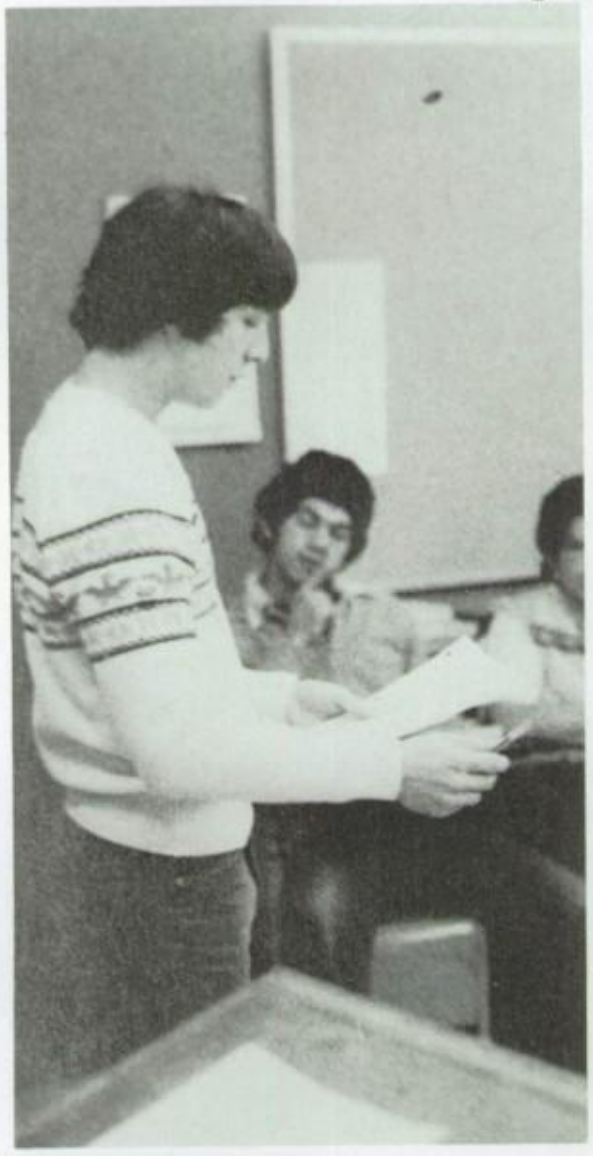
above, AFS Club, front row: Birgit Patzer, Pamella Short, Maria Contreras, Jennifer Wells. **second row:** Jessica King, Juanita Brunetti, Lori Strohm, Ponci Madrigal, advisor Maridale Smitth. **back row:** David Snyder, Tim Simmons, Bill Knowlden, Jeremy Shuman, Darin Gharat.

1 World Geography teacher H.L. Clark helps Grace Deiparini as she works on a map assignment.
2 Substitute teacher Frank Lopez reminds Roy Bridges that his Involvement Paper is late.
3 Carla Gullatt, Bobby Garrison and Doug Venturini concentrate while taking a Government final.
4 Nolanda Alexander, Melanie Howard, Cheryl Copenhaver, Celina Villegas, Carol Copenhaver and Kristina Gali listen attentively and take notes during a Social Science Remediation class.
5 Paul Klink concentrates on his report while an interested Abel Espinoza listens on.



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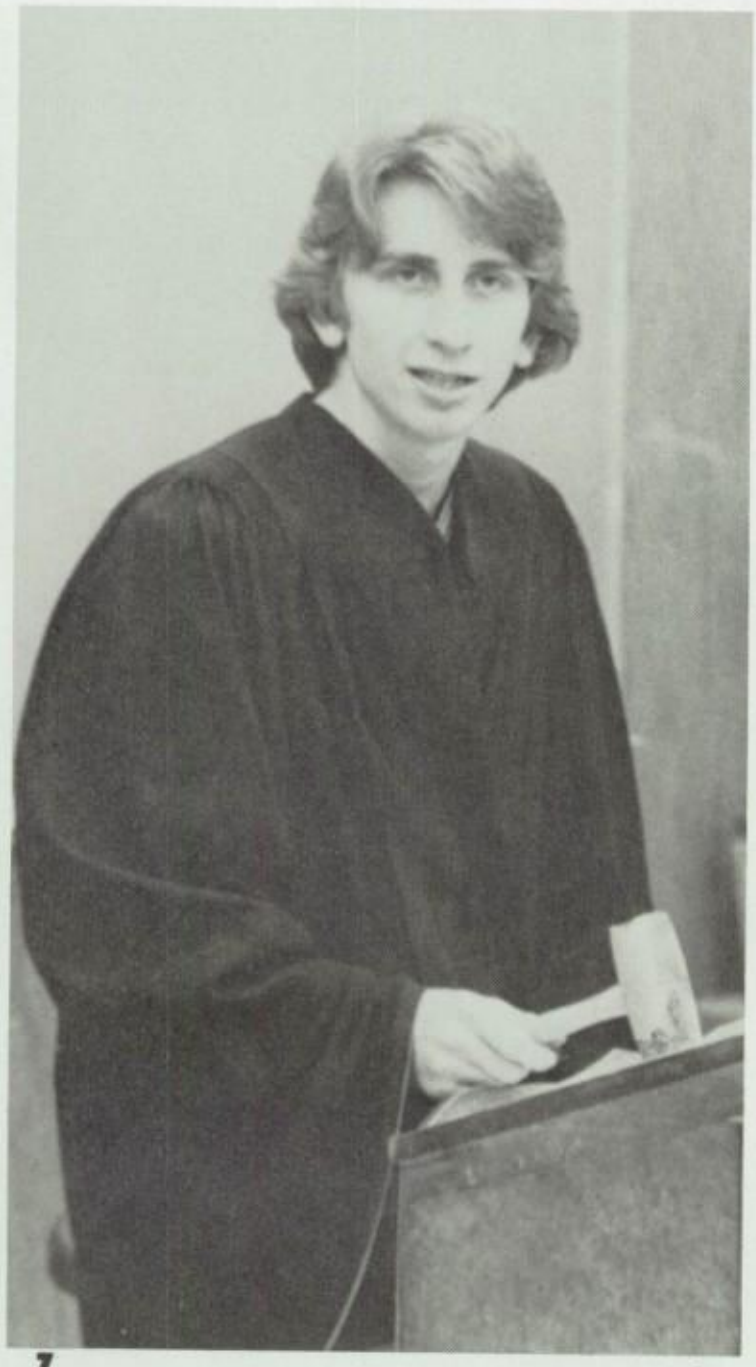

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in action, the AFS (American Field Service) provided either summer or full year programs for student exchanges.

This year Panther Country was host to four Foreign Students on exchange programs: Juan Fernandez from Spain, Sari Kasanen from Finland, Birgit Patzer from Germany, and Lorenzo Pellati from Italy. In addition, two MHS seniors spent a year abroad; returning home from Argentina in February was Ann Pollock, and from Japan in March was Martin Dieu.

To help MHS students interested in the program, the AFS Club held an auction which brought in about $200 and hosted a Pizza Night in April, as well as other minor activities throughout the year.

On February 12, word came from National Headquarters that four students from MHS had been accepted as finalists; Ponci Madrigal, Maria Contreras, Sandy Lubeck, and Patricia Vera.

The AFS club is sponsored by Mrs. Maridale Smith, and was run by a dedicated panel of officers. Led by President Jessica King, Vice President Sandy Lubeck, and Treasurer Jeremy Shuman, the group met periodically to organize fundraisers and activities for the benifit of the four finalists.

—Bill Knowlden

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6 American History teacher and department chairman Jack Sample begins a class discussion during fourth period.
7 'Judge' Robin Hayes makes his final decision regarding a civil case in a mock trial during Government.
8 'Bailiff' Bobby Bean 'swears in' witness Luis Martinez during another session of the mock trial.
9 Freshman Roy Mims works diligently on his World Geography assignment.

Ethnic clubs provide assemblies

Two organizations at MHS are very important to the future of our society. The Black Students Union and the Mexican American Students Association are both dedicated to promoting understanding among all students.

BSU is designed to enlighten the entire school community about the black experience, and to give black students a sense of pride in themselves and their community. The twenty-two members of this organization held fund-raisers to send participating students to the state BSU convention. These talented young men and women also provided the annual Assembly during Black History Week.

MASA seeks to share the Mexican culture and heritage with all people. They strive to provide an atmosphere of interaction among the entire school population, especially providing orientation services to newly arriving migrant students; in addition, the club provides information on continuing educational opportunites to its members. The 85 club members raised money for educational trips, scholarships, and family emergencies. The annual Cinco de Mayo Assembly continued its pleasant mix of dances, skits, and information about the culture of our neighbor "south of the border."

In February, MHS hosted a group from Brigham Young University who preserve the rich variety of native dances of the western hemisphere. These college students included American, Mexican, and South American Indians, and Polynesians (including Hawaiians) in their repertoire. Wearing authentic costumes which many of them had made themselves, they performed and sang for an hour, to the delight of students and staff. Their closing number, "We are the Lamanite Generation," emphasized the basic message of the brotherhood of man. —Juliet Costa

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above, BSU, front row: Carla Jarvis, Jacy Lee, Charlita Crane, Luvenia Williams, Mona Simmons. **second row:** advisor Jim Thrasher, Camillia Tillman, Junior Shaird, Aaron Augustine, Tim Simmons.
7 Jacy Lee, Trena Ingram and Sabrina Oliney listen attentively at a BSU meeting.

below, MASA, front row: Olga DeLeon, Luis Ruelad, Alma Ortiz, Edith Alvarez, Cecilia Peral, Laura Prieto, Yolanda Madrigal, Beatriz Peral, Yolanda Alberta, Sochenda Vath, Alma Astorga, Victor Peral, Luis Cacho. **second row:** advisor Albino Franco, Miriam Alvarez, Josefino Rubio, Rosa Quintero, Yolanda Hernandez, Irma Magana, Rosa Sanchez, Moncia Guzman, Irma Perez, Maribel Alberto, Maria Rodriguez, Teresa Camarillo, Orlando Madrid, Antonio Gutierrez, Hector Villapudua, advisor Patrick Durr. **third row:** Juan Castillo, Christina Ramos, Jose Pineda, Lupe Vera, Lupe Rivera, Elizabeth Lara, Joe Gallardo, Juan Nevarez, Armando Espinoza, Patricia Ramos, Celia Garcia, Teresa Hernandez, Miguel Hernandez, advisor Thomas Bianez. **fourth row:** Miguel Prado, Hector Barraza, Jaime Magana, Guadalupe Lopez, Margarita Hurtado, Concepcion Garcia, Jose Gonzalez, Ponci Madrigal, Abel Espinoza, Paul Garcia, Tony Angel, Espiridion Ortiz, Guillermo Garcia, Bravo Soledad, Jaime Plascensia, Aurora Navarro, Lourdes Hurtado.

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1 A student from Brigham Young University completes one of the Indian dances.

2 At the BSU Assembly, Patti Peterson displays her singing ability.

3 A Brigham Young University student displays his skill as an Indian War Dancer.

4 A BYU student does a hoop dance, using 24 hoops to make a ball.

5 Joining their various cultures to perform the finale, the BYU students sing "We are the Lamanite Generation."

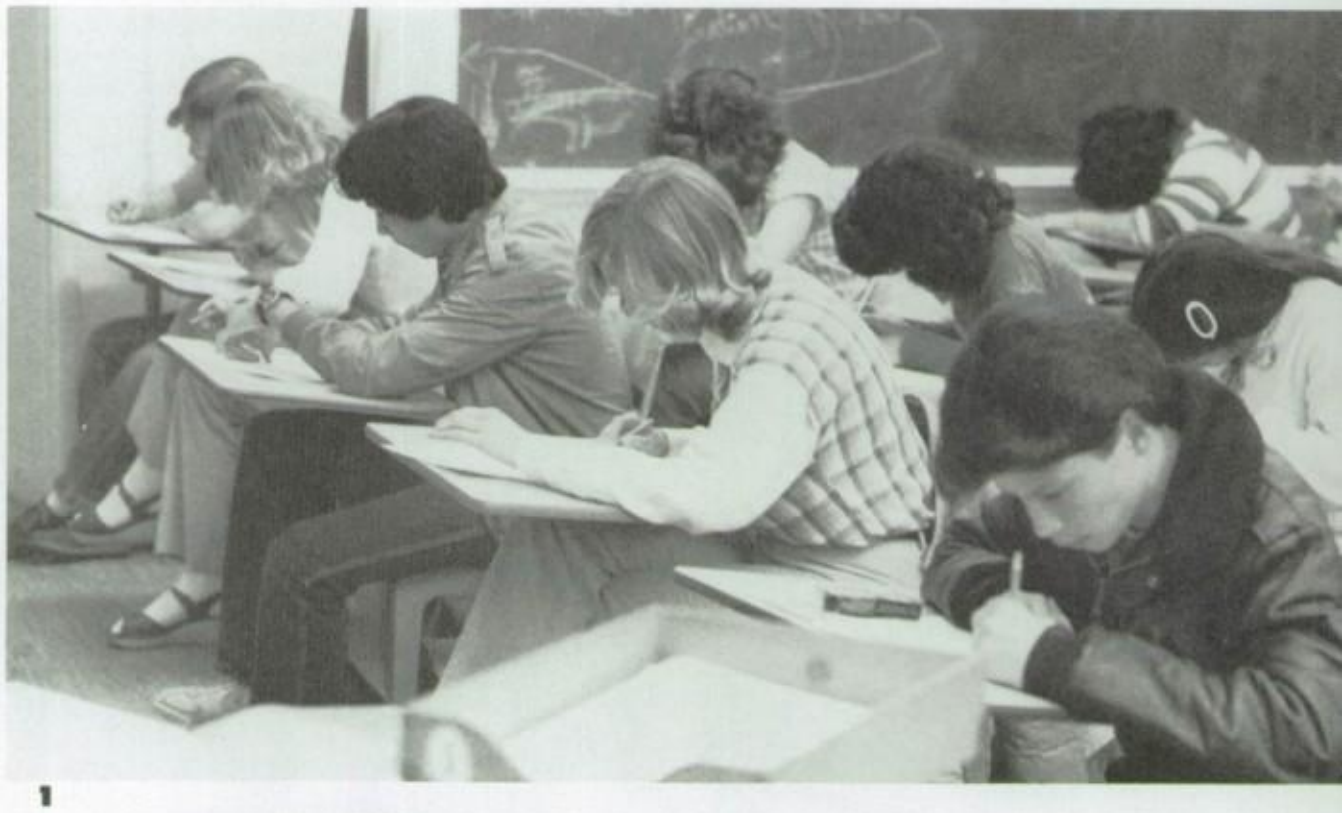
6 During a MASA club meeting, Victorina Brambilla, Monica Guzman, Alma Ortiz, Aurora Navarro, Alma Astorga, Elizabeth Duenas, Yolanda Hernandez and Beatriz Velasquez listen carefully to a guest speaker.

8 Ramiro Nava, Luis Ruelad, Jess Garribay, Miquel Quiroz, Victorina Brambilla and Elizabeth Lara wait patiently to hear the plans for the Cinco De May Parade.

9 After successfully completing a dance, the leader of the Mexican-American dancers pauses to introduce the next number at the BYU assembly.

10 During the BYU Assembly, a Spanish Dancer performs a cultural dance from "South of the Border."

1 Taking a test in advanced algebra, Pam McClure, Tony Angel, Ann Pollock and Mike Ordonez join their classmates in working intently.
2 Sophomore Loren Dieu studies a difficult geometry problem.
3 Michele Thorton, Mary Chavez and Sabrina Oliney discuss a problem in Algebra 21.
4 After receiving an assignment in math, Ricky Boyd and Butch Elinburgh set about doing it.
5 While Sochenda Vath works alone, Reina Dias assists Oscar Vega.
8 Algebra teacher Vincent Lane assists Victor Curci with a difficult geometry problem.
9 Gina Bettencourt, Gina May, Erin Augustine, Ernie Segura, Sergio Harrison, Charlita Crane, Shawn Williams, Sam Gonzalez, and Inez Silveira pay careful attention to Miss Westfall's lecture in Algebra 12.
below, Math Club, front row: Amber Kirksey, Dixie Weststeyn, Doreen Jenkins, Lisa Negele, Sarah Gonzalez. **second row:** Kashmir Gil, Sean Wani, Pam McClure, John Brughelli, Mike Ordonez. **back row:** advisor Marge Stuhlman, Jeff Azevedo, Marilyn Wolf, Tom Lima, Pauline Veldhuizen, Juan Fernandez, David Horton.



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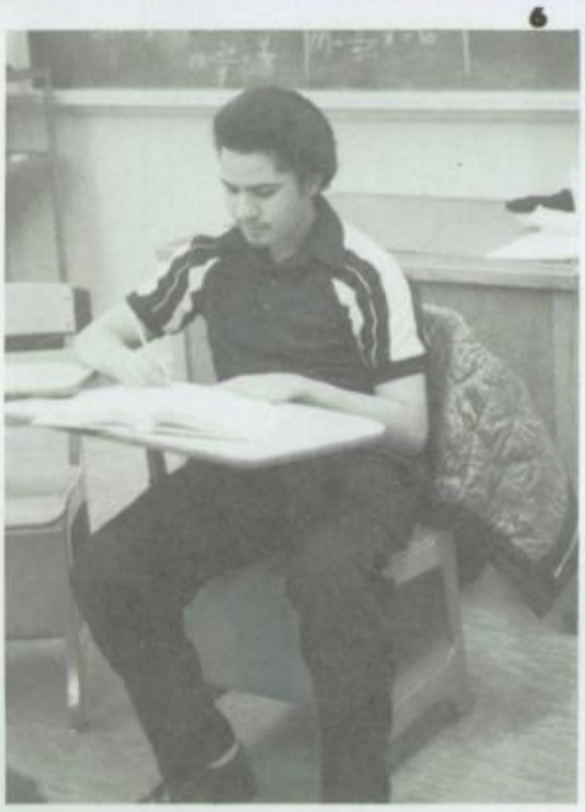

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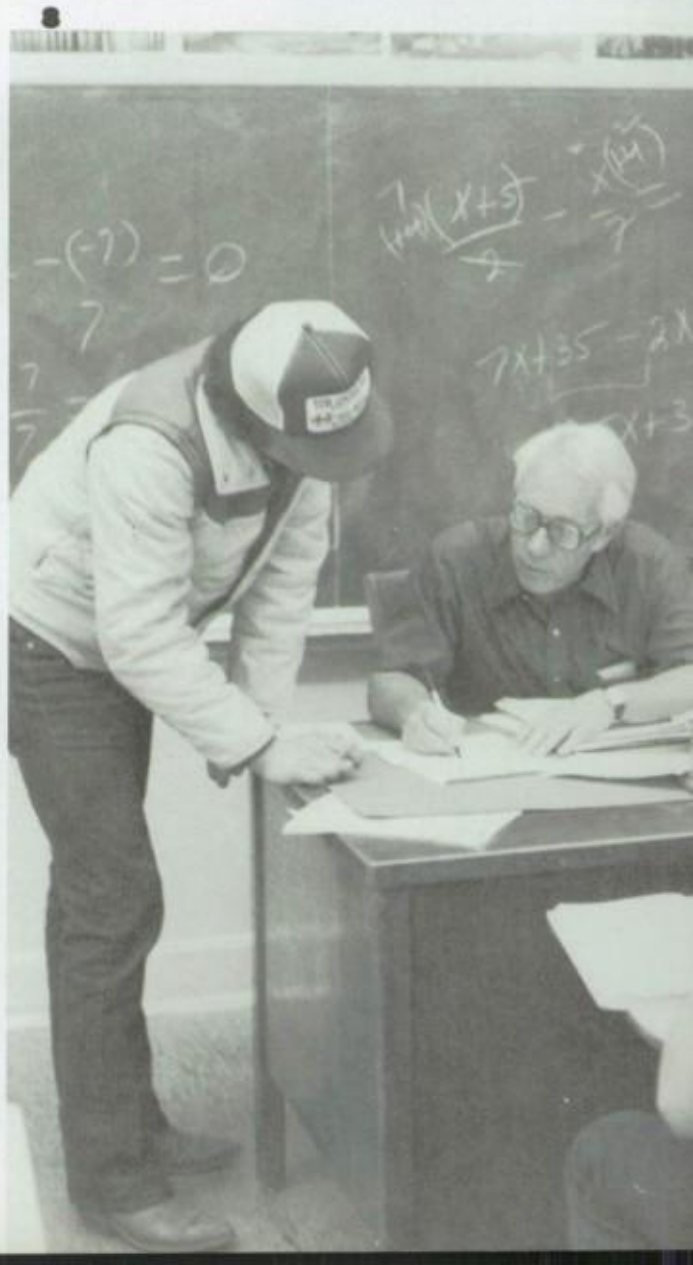

6 Intent on keeping up with his lessons, Arturo Prieto works on his geometry assignment.
7 Getting help from her teacher, Amber Kirksey listens to Miss Ila Westfall's explanation.

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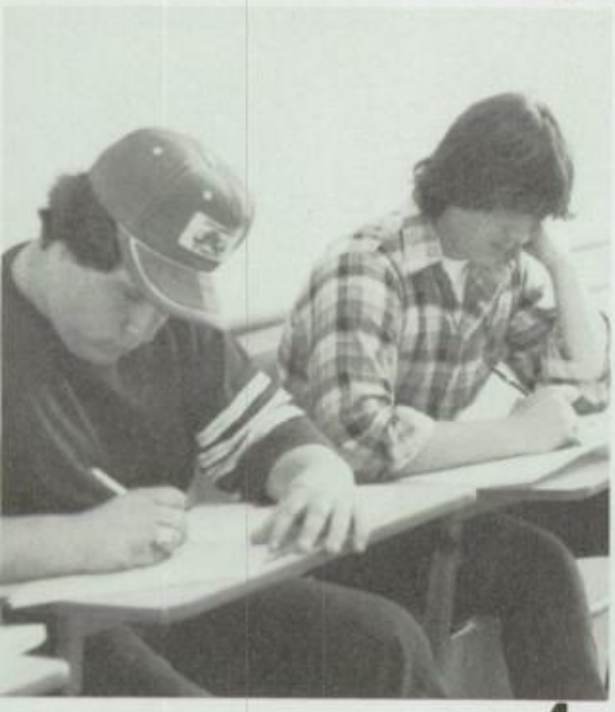

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Math Department upgrades courses as new classes are added

Designed to give students a working knowledge of at least basic mathematics, the math department offered courses ranging from basic math, for remediation, to analysis, for college prep. Though all the classes were filled, the greatest enrollment was in the advanced math classes, especially analysis.

Because of the increasing interest, the department plans to expand its program to include a non-academic course for students who don't need either remediation or advanced math. The course, offered a few years ago but discontinued in recent years, will be called "General Math."

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Another new offering now in the serious planning stage is a computer course, with credits being given according to major: math, business, or industrial ed. the course will teach students how to operate and repair the machines, and will be taught by Mr. Warren Dunn, the electronics teacher.

With the arrival of the Basic Competency Testing program in 1977, the number of students failing the mathematics section has drastically decreased each year. "Since the math competencies have started, failures have decreased by half," said department chairman Mrs. Marge Stuhlman.

In the six years since the Math Club was organized, it has had an average annual membership of eight to ten. The purpose of the club is to hel students to prepare for the upcoming Math Superbowl and the MAA tests in March which determines who will receive scholarships, and to stimulate a general interest in math. The students who go to the Superbowl are usually the students who make up the Math Club. —Chris Mihelis

right, Science Club, front row: Lisa Gharat, Laure Bradford, John Brughelli, Paul Klink, Jaime Johnson, Pete Adams. **second row:** Robert Escobar, advisor Odell Scott, Lori Strohm, Pauline Veldhuizen, Juan Fernandez, Joe Gallardo. **back row:** Jeff Azevedo, Chris Lehikainen, Bill Knowlden, Doug Hudson, Don Porcella, David Snyder, Jeremy Shuman.

1 Department Chairman Odell Scott answers questions from one of his students as David Valdez listens in.
2 During a biology lab, Lori Medeiros, Dixie Weststeyn and Sergio Harrison discuss the pistil of the flower.
3 Dieu Do and Loree Oaks take notes in biology class.
4 While studying human anatomy, Troy McCutcheon and Diane McHale remove the lungs from the dummy as Martin McCarthy takes notes.
5 Using skateboards and a bowling ball, physical science students John Shaw and Tim Cramer study the effects of the basic principle of inertia.

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Funding a problem for Science program but students more interested

With an increase in enrollment for the current year, students in the various science courses —physical science, life science, biology, chemistry, physics, and health— seemed to be enjoying the courses more. "The class is enjoyable, except for all the homework," said chemistry student John Halford, "although I guess it's good to have a lot of homework because it teaches discipline."

The biggest problem facing the department was the lack of funding. "Certain chemicals can cost up to $350 a bottle, and they aren't getting any cheaper," complained chemistry teacher Arlen Holen. In an effort to combat a rapidly diminishing budget, so that the money could be used to replace equipment, the department looked to large chemical firms such as DOW and FMC for donations of the more expensive chemicals. "I'm not sure if it will work," ventured Mr. Holen, "but we can always hope."

Although the Science Club was revived after an absence of several years, it moved slowly in the fall. Members planned a trip to the Exploratorium, and ordered M&Ms —a big favorite— to help pay for transportation. When not enough people signed up, the club cancelled the trip, but sold the M&Ms anyway, putting the money raised into the club treasury for future events.

Not everyone was willing to stay at home, however. Senior Jaime Johnson decided to make the trip anyway. "I'd never been to the Exploratorium," she stated, "and I wasn't going to let any apathetic students ruin my trip."

Whether learning the facts and formulas relating to the Key to Life, inertia, or the chemical compound for table salt, students at MHS improved, as a whole, on their science tests. Overall Department grades were up about 4% from last year, due to the dedication and interest of the staff. —David Snyder

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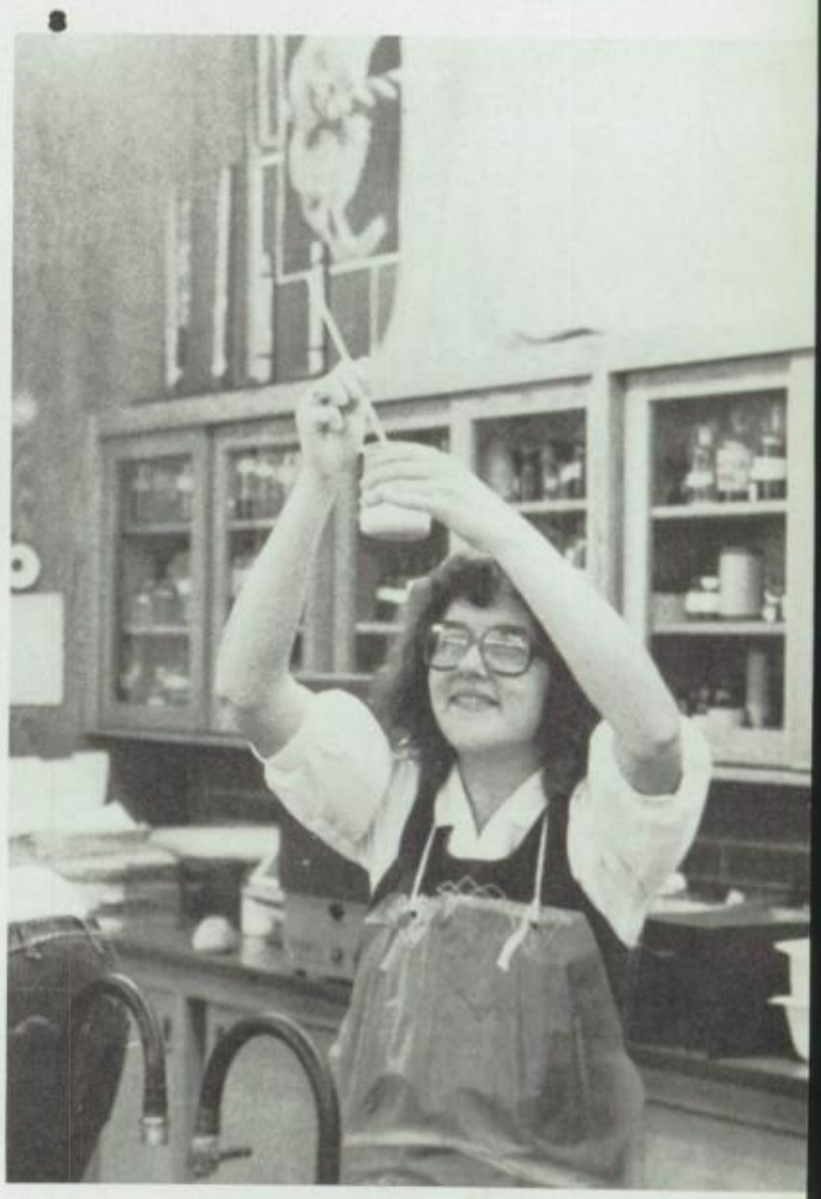


6 Pinned against the wall, Rey Sandoval, Paul Vejar, Bruno Spani and Randy Swanson do their health homework.
7 Margaret Everson is stumped by a tough question in health class.
8 While stirring her solution in chemistry, Debbie Bowling checks to see if it is dissolved.

Interest increases in Foreign Language classes

As the focal point of world interest continues to shift, the importance of knowing foreign languages increases. For those students who recognize this increasing significance, MHS offers courses in three different languages: German, French and Spanish. Although Spanish has traditionally been the most popular, it is losing ground as "second-fiddle" French expanded to two beginning sections this year. German, on the decline for the past several years, has begun to level out, although relatively few students pursue it into the advanced classes.

For those few who do continue for a second, and sometimes third and fourth, year, however, the rewards are often unexpected. In the fourth-year French class, for example, the students cooked a "foreign" meal instead of taking the usual final exam.

Along with foreign language classes at MHS are the foreign language clubs. Though French and German Clubs have been here for many years, students enrolling in Spanish have only just organized into a formal club. This move filled out the cluster of "support" clubs for the department. Though they experienced the typical first-year growing pains, they did manage to sponsor several fund-raisers, a feat which many long-established groups failed to accomplish.

Again one of the most active clubs, the French Club sponsored a host of events, including an auction, the sale of Spook-O-Grams, and the sale of M&Ms and Snickers. From these they raised nearly $650, which

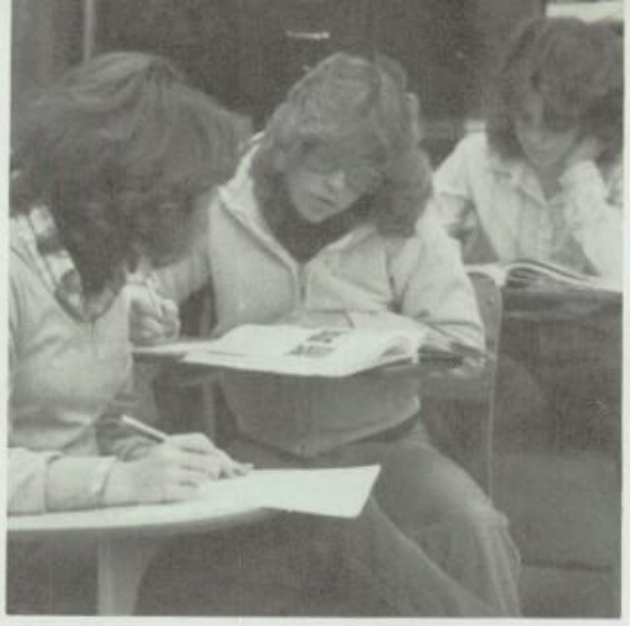
below, German Club, front row: Juanita Brunetti, Christine Beatty, Holly Beatty, Pam Short, Maria Contreras, Irene Spani, Jennifer Wells. **second row:** Stacy Hallford, Jennifer Hartley, Tracy Weiford, Birgit Patzer, Darren Denison, Jason Kanar, advisor Maridale Smith, David Gonzales. **back row:** Eric Denison, Rick Trevino, Bill Knowlden, Phil Shuman, Jessica King, Jeremy Shuman, Ponci Madrigal, Darin Gharat.

1 Elizabeth Olivera listens carefully to the class discussion which is being held in French.

above, Spanish Club, front row: Susie Ramos, Susie Reddesh, Valerie Ray, Kim Lopez, Abel Asumoire. **second row:** Armando Vera, Shelly Stamm, Manuela Lopez, Kathy Foust, Sheila Aguirre. **back row:** advisor David Rancano, Lori Strohm, Lauri Medieros, Jannee Jackson, Vickie Johnston, Jaime Plascensia.

2 Brian Kelly, Sheri Cope, Loren Dieu and Veronica Calderon give their utmost attention during Spanish class.

3 Jason Kanar, Luis Madrigal, Bill Knowlden, Jeremy Shuman and Jessica King listen intently as Mrs. Maridale Smith explains the assignment.



below, French Club, front row: Alma Gonzalez, Maria Calderon, Juanita Acosta, Lupe Vera, Cecilia Peral, Phil Cearly, Kristen Lee, Susie Beckwith, Sabrina Farris, Yolanda Madrigal, Janna Caldwell, Sherri Hobbs. **second row:** Jerry Rocha, David Horton, Raquel Ramirez, Birgit Patzer, Dianne McHale, Michelle Simar, Stephanie Heersink, Stefanie Wood, Kim Grimes, Carmen Ramirez, Patricia Vera. **third row:** John Klink, James McHugh, Nanette Horney, Charlita Crane, Marlaine Magnus, Karin Smith, Diane Ranuio, Martina Vasquez, Ofelia Trujillo, Sari Kasanen, Patricia Trujillo, advisor Judy Remmers. **back row:** David Escobar, Wayne Elam, Renato Balenovich, Eddie Jimenez, David Snyder, Junior Shaird, Lloyd Hable, Lynette McClure, Jorge Dinis, Becky Petty, Gary Ranuio, Tommy Warren.

went toward the annual trips: San Francisco on March 27 and Santa Cruz on May 29.

At Christmas time, students from the German Club attended a Christmas party at Downey High, where they learned German dances and songs. During the spring they took a trip to the Defense Language Institute in Monterey with the Spanish and French clubs, and in April they set up a booth at the carnival where they sold pretzels and gingerbread cookies. —Jessica King

4 Susie Beckwith and Stefanie Wood help each other with a French assignment as Kim Grimes tries it by herself.
5 Chris Mihelis concentrates deeply on a Spanish assignment.
6 Jose Planscencia uses his time constructively by getting his work done in class.
7 Dr. David Rancano gives a lesson on Spanish verbs.
8 Vicki Johnston catches a few winks instead of the assignment during Spanish class.

College or jobs, Business Department prepares students for future

A NEW MACHINE was added to the list of impressive equipment in the MHS Business Department, the IBM Display Writer. This machine was utilized in the Word Processing class, along with the off-set press, fluid duplicator, and IBM Magcard, to name a few. "The main purpose for the Word Processing class," said Business Department chairman Mrs. Aileene Campbell, "is to teach students skills that will help them through college or to qualify them for a job."

The MHS Business Department has become the most up-to-date of all schools in the city. Its offerings included a variety of business classes to meet every student's needs, from business math and business English to business machines. Whether it was to learn typing, shorthand, and bookkeeping, or to gain office experience, there was a course that could help everyone at MHS.

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1 Tina Deatherage works diligently on an assignment in her Typing II class.
2 While Mike Ricklick rushes to get his assignment done in Model Office, Carolyn Teixeira goofs off.
3 Sherry McClung and Mike McGrath consult Mr. John McCaffery about a problem in Bookkeeping class.
4 Sylvia Chavez works on her business math assignment while her teddy bear looks on.
5 Concentrating on her work, Brenda Burgoine hurries to finish her assignment.

below, Business Club, front row: Kashmir Gill, Lisa Dickson, Sandi Grover, Veronica Vasquez, Paula Peeper. **second row:** Dawn Hudson, Lori Strohm, advisor Marilee Abercrombie. **back row:** Lorna Hennessee, Marlena Crabtree, Michelle Crabtree, Erin Wray.

The Business Club continued as alive and active as ever. Formerly known as the FBLA (Future Business Leaders of America), the club has been active for over 25 years.

To join the club, a student must pay dues of 50¢ for one year and must be enrolled in or have completed a course in the Business Department. The club averages around 20 members, but in recent years has begun to grow larger.

The Business Club was purely a social club. "The main objective of the club," stated advisor Ms. Marilee Abercrombie, "is to raise money for the annual club trip." In 1981 the club went to Marriott's Great America, and both Marriott's and San Francisco were frequently discussed as end-of-the-year sites for this year's trip. Led by President Lorna Hennessee, Vice President Carmella De Simone, and Treasurer Lori Strohm, the Business Club engaged in a variety of fund-raisers. Owners of their own cotton candy machine, members of the club were diligent in manning a booth which was ever-present and ever-popular at home football games. In addition, the club sponsored a bake sale and sold key chains to help finance their activities.

—Cindy Borges

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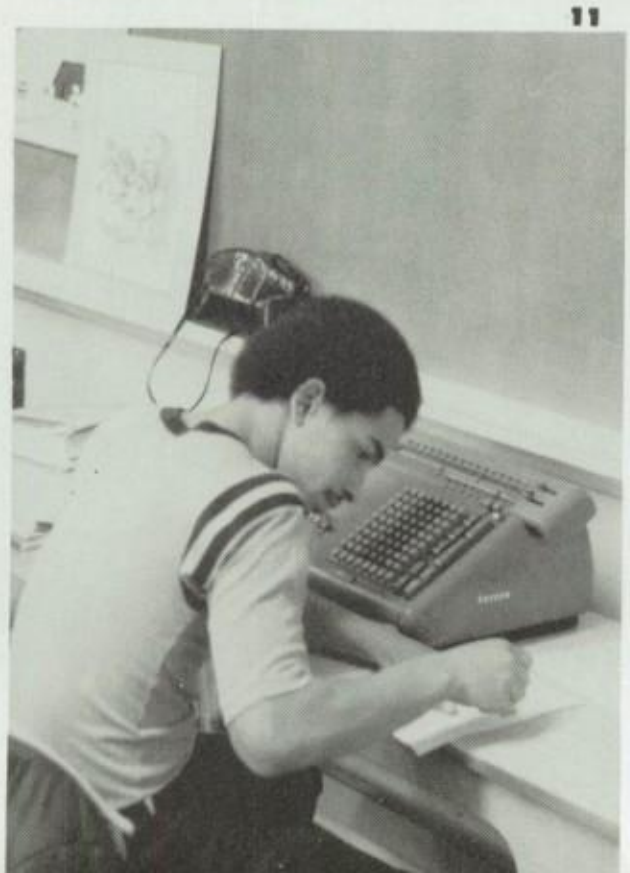

6 Carla Gullatt proofreads her work and can't believe she found a mistake.
7 Eugene Pacheco, finding it hard to type, concentrates intensely.
8 Karen Stein and Martha Nayares put their heads together to come up with the answer in Model Office class.
9 After a much-needed break, Bernadine Nunes settles down to her work for the day.
10 Melanie Howard and Eugenia Rodriques transcribe their shorthand.
11 Dino Quinn has to correct a mistake because his mind was on other things: maybe basketball?

Ag program expands amid FFA traditions

In a year when apathy was a common problem, the MHS Agriculture Department and Future Farmers of America had trouble getting things going, but went on to a better-than-average year.

The Aggies had one of the largest freshman classes in recent history, enabling Mr. Loren Nyman to teach agricultural science full time for the first time in eight years. His teaching schedule included farm management, plant and soil science, animal husbandry, and two introduction to agriculture classes. Enrollment in the farm management class dipped to ten students but otherwise classes were full.

Department head Russell Cosgrave also experienced a successful year in his agricultural mechanics classes. His construction classes turned out various pieces of equipment including orchard rollers, scrapers, brush rakes, and a swather trailer.

The FFA began the year with the traditional watermelon bust. After a successful summer at the fairs, ag students returned to school with a positive attitude only to be hit with the dismal requirement of paying the $30 fee in order to continue their traditional competitions and activities.

FFA held their night meetings on the third Thursday of every month. During December the Modesto chapter held a joint meeting with both Davis and Downey to promote their greenhands to chapter farmers. In February, Joe Mendonza and Robert Stamy received State Farmer awards.

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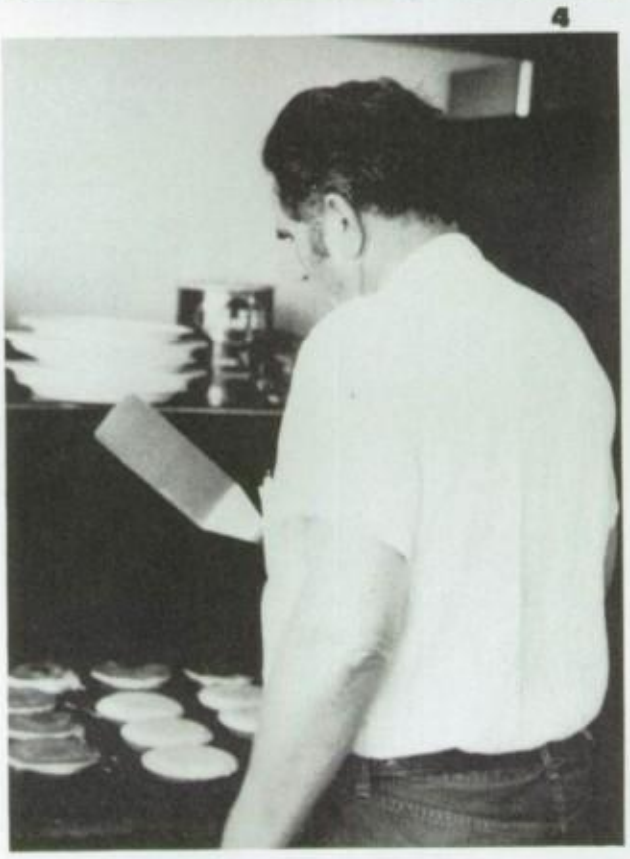

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above, FFA, front row: Nadine Nunes, Bernadette Coito, Stacy Lanphear, Anne Verissimo, Melissa Soares, Aleia Martin, Beth Moore, Leanda Gunter, Jenifer Johnson, Vince Furtado, Jim Boer, Pete Mihelis, Robert Stamy. **second row:** John Strang, Paul Vejar, Brandon Mauksch, Lisa Rhea, Shane Hodge, Donny Coonce, Martin McCarthy, Kathy Heaton, Roger Wright, Richard Kelley, Andy Medeiros, Dave Verissimo, Mike Goncalves, Ken Berry. **third row:** Jim McManis, Matt Gisler, Charles Kelley, Jon McManis, Stephanie Mattox, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Ivan Wyeth, Valarie Butler, Dan Long, Jeff Ribeiro, Arron Field, Jerry Miller, John Sprinkle. **back row:** Joe Mendonza, Bruno Spani, Rod Wyeth, Gus Quattrin, Leon Verburg, Trent Bellew, Guy Caldwell, Steve Rosenow, David Absher, Bryan Brooks, Joe Henriques, Bill Breazeale, Victor Curci.

The Future Farmers held their annual Pancake Breakfast on February 21, 1982 and served over 525 people, marking it as the most successful in nine years. The following week was FFA Week and the courtyard felt its effects with daily contests.

On Tuesday, 'cowboys' vied with each other in a roping contest, on Wednesday, 'lumberjacks' held a log sawing competition, and on Thursday, everyone joined in the popular haybucking contest. —Robert Stamy

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1 FFA vice president Rod Wyeth and president Robert conduct a monthly meeting.
2 Tony Zalaco concentrates on completing his assignment in Intro to Ag.
3 Freshman Ken Berry lifts and prepares to stack bales being tossed to him by his partner.

4 FFA advisor Russell Cosgrave does his yearly job at the Pancake Breakfast.
5 Sophomore Victor Curci skillfully welds a handle on his cowbell.
6 Dave Verissimo twirls his lasso in the roping contest.
7 Leon Ver Berg waits to be served by Vonnie Travao and Bernadette Coito at the Pancake Breakfast.
8 Sophomore Martin McCarthy cuts holes on the side piece of his float, to mount the roller.
9 Senior Steve Hawkins pulls with all his might, as Tony Louis balances the log in the log sawing contest.
10 Seniors Jeff Ribeiro and Dan Long demonstrate their skill in the log sawing contest.
11 Junior Jon McManis heaves the straw bale over the bench to his partner in the hay bucking contest.
12 Freshmen Manuel Azevedo, Donny Coonce and John Sprinkle await the naming of Greenhand officers.

1 Profirio Aguirre operates the jigsaw to reshape his distinctive woodcraft project.
2 Intensifying his efforts to achieve precision, Darren Fletcher uses a power screwdriver to anchor a brace.
3 Shannon Nicholson carefully inserts envelopes into the power driven press.
4 Filberto Coronado and Allen Purtle attempt to reconstruct an engine while earning a grade in auto mechanics.
5 Marty Roberts and Danny Gentry combine their knowledge in rebuilding an automobile engine.

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above, VICA, front row: David Escobar, Ron Maddox, Jody VanClief, Ron Corrales, Gordon Schoonover, Harvey Pimentel, Roy Bridges. **second row:** advisor Robert Escobar, Bobby Cadwell, Eric Ziegler, Tony Franco, Marty Roberts, Robin Hayes, Mike Ibarra. **back row:** Danny Gentry, Tim Tuggle, Rick Garcia, Efren Perez, Ron Henry, Brian Nevitt, Jeff Creighton, Bobby Donaldson.

6 Ralph Velasquez implores for help from classmate Bobby Donaldson in helping out on an electronics project.

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Industrial Ed sparks interest in hobbies, jobs

To many students, Industrial Education is an important area at MHS. A majority of students picked at least one of the six major industrial ed offerings (graphic arts, electronics, woodshop, auto mechanics, metal, drafting) to include into their busy school schedules. Many students felt these areas of interest would always be their hobbies, if not a part of their jobs. Students in all classes were required to practice their safety rules all year and were encouraged to bring out their own personality which would show in every individual project.

Woodshop and woodcraft were the most popular classes, taught by Mr. Richard Finn and Mr. Harlan Elving. Nine periods were offered throughout the day with each having its limit of students. Students worked hard sawing, sanding, gluing and finishing their projects, from simple one- or two-week assignments to a few really ambitious yearly ones.

In metal and auto mechanics classes, lessons and demonstrations were provided which would help to save money by improving the students' knowledge of cars and machines. One class was even called 'Understanding Your Car.' Graphic arts students learned the basics of many different kinds of printing techniques, and were encouraged to display their own work at the Craftsman's Fair. Drafting students began with basic shapes and advanced to house plans and other architectural designs. Electronics students learned everything from basic "how to light up a light bulb" to working with computers.

The Vocational Industrial Club of America (VICA), advised by Mr. Robert Escobar, more than doubled in size from last year. All 25 members worked at displaying their own work, but presenting it as a group from our Panther campus. The club planned to attend three annual leadership conferences during the year, held in Merced, Los Angeles and Louisville, Kentucky. For each conference the club was charged six dollars per member to enter competition, not to mention the cost of transportation, hotel and food, which was approximately $160 per student.

—Karen Fernandes

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7 Concentrating on achieving accuracy, Modesto Prado pours on his illustrious talent in drafting class.
8 Woodcraft student Dennis Brophy attempts to create a wooden clock in sixth period.

Home Ec, 'S' Club repeat performance of past years

Home Economics covers consumer education, human development, nutrition, foods, and sewing at MHS, serving a wide range of students, from Vocational majors to those simply needing credits for graduation. Many students who had no plans for future education found in these courses an opportunity to acquire the home-oriented skills that would be valuable later in life.

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right, 'S' Club, front row: Geri Adkins, Carolyn Teixeira, Maria Contreras, Monica Contreras, Sandi Grover, Lisa Gharat. **back row:** Maria Fernandez, Shirley Grogan, Karen Steen, Cindy Boday, Lauri Strohm, advisor Dianne Holtz.

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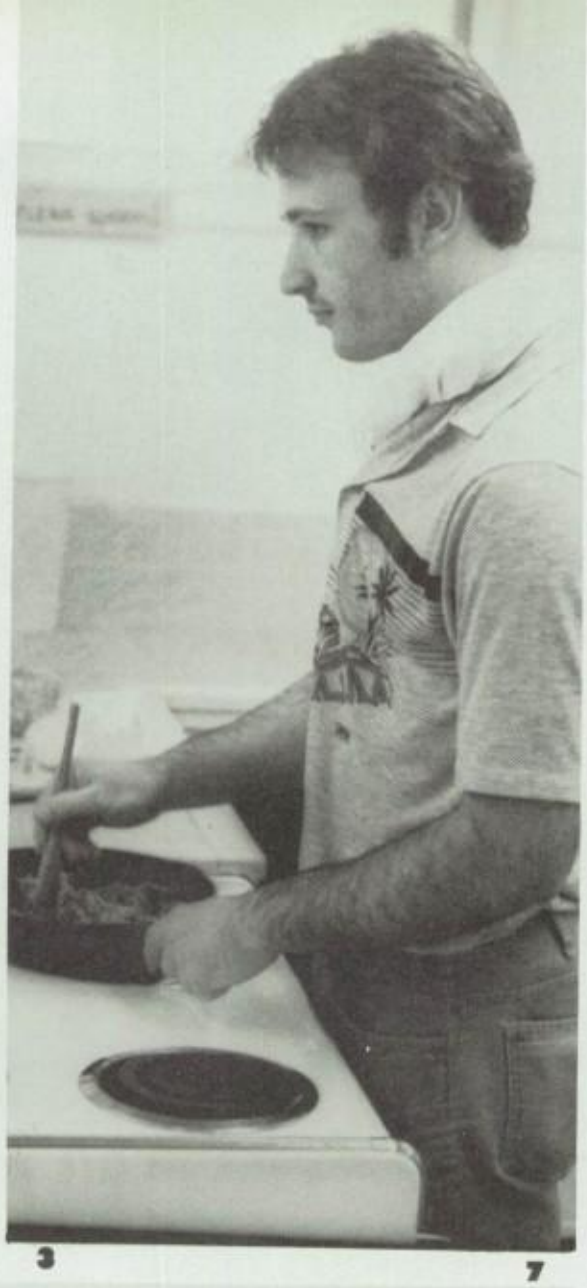

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In classes such as foods, students not only received instruction, but got to put their knowledge to work in real-life situations. One of the more enjoyable aspects of this class was when the students got to eat the "fruits of their labors." Similarly, the other courses in this department provided students a chance to "try out" the ideas they were studying to demonstrate that they worked.

Composed of fewer members than in recent years, the 'S' Club students pursued many of the same activities they had in past years: they sold balloons at football games, See's Suckers at school, and erected the traditional Christmas tree in the main hall. In addition, they sold stationary, hosted a teacher appreciation day, visited rest homes, put on parties for elementary school classes, and sponsored the annual 'S' Club Initiation Dinner.

One of the activities **not** pursued annually was this year's unique trip to the Asilomar Conference Center in Monterey, where MHS students met with members of other clubs and shared ideas and companionship for two highly enjoyable days. —Verna Chalk

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1 Mrs. Joanne Henry shows Alma Figueroa an easier way to complete her sewing project.
2 With mockups on the wall to help her, Sochenda Vath concentrates on sewing the seams on her blouse.
3 Browning meat for a 'Survival Foods' meal, Doug Hudson glances around to see how other students are "cooking."
4 Taking her time, Monica Guzman carefully frosts a cake.
5 Threading the needle is only the beginning of Sara Franco's new sewing project.
6 Ann Verdone and her assistants share the pleasant job of making pastries.
7 Mrs. Diane Holtz demonstrates the proper stitching technique to Linda Ollis.
8 Carefully mixing his ingredients, Espiridian Ortiz prepares the frosting that will make his cake a success.
9 Using just the right temerature setting, Angie Snoderly presses the seams on her sewing project.

Vocal music, piano instruction interest students

Band, piano, orchestra and ensembles are all a part of the Music Department. Headed by Mr. Gary Runsten, the department helps to enrich the lives of students at MHS and at the same time provide fine arts credits for graduation.

Under the skillful direction of Mr. Dennis Clark, students from the Ensembles class were able to participate in the 34th annual County Music Festival, an event which featured band, orchestra, and choir. This event took place in the evening of February 27, following seven hours of rehearsal, at Beyer High School. Although attendance was voluntary, those students who went gained the experience of singing in a large group (over 130 voices), which was something they could not do in class, with only 27 members. Yet even the class size was a great improvement over past years, when the group had sometimes become as small as 10 members.

What had begun as a concert choir class, offered by Mr. Clark during third period, evolved during the fall semester into a piano course. As interest grew, another class was opened up for the spring semester, during first period, to accommodate the nearly 50 students who had signed up. Students learned the basics of playing the piano, and received assistance from Mr. Clark on any song they chose to learn.

Enrollment in the various instrumental classes continued its gradual downward decline. Resentment against the $30 activity fee was very strong among members of the band; many of them refused to perform in any MHS activites whatever. Nonetheless, instrumental music remained one of the favorite classes for many students.

—Jeremy Shuman

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1 During sixth period ensembles, Rhonda Boone, Michelle Crabtree, Melinda Garber, Stephanie Garber, Susan Bauman and Holly Beaty harmonize on a Christmas song.
2 Vocal music instructor Dennis Clark leads Ignacio Figueroa, Jeremy Shuman, and Tim McLaughlin in rehearsing the bass and tenor parts to a song.
3 Under the watchful eyes of Judy Gibson, Judy Hudman concentrates on her music during her thrid period piano class.
4 With a look of satisfaction, Michelle Crabtree completes her solo recital.
5 While waiting for the cue for their entrance, altos Sandi Grover and Melinda Garber follow along on their sheet music.

above, Ensembles, front row: Rhonda Boone, Holly Beaty, Regina Vanderberg, Sandi Grover. **second row:** Lori Strohm, Michelle Thorn, Pam Ketchum, Brenda Pope, Angie Baker, Jackie Barnes. **third row:** Michelle Crabtree, Stephanie Garber, Susan Bauman, Melinda Garber, Stephanie Frazier, Vickie Johnston. **back row:** Jason Helmar, Ignacio Figueroa, Mike Wenzel, Jeremy Shuman, Tim McLaughlin, Chris Wright, John Hallford.

6 Jason Helmar, Chris Wright and Jeremy Shuman try to follow Mr. Clark on their music.
7 Putting to use the skill acquired by long hours of practice, Mike Wenzel plays a song from memory in his piano class.
8 Preparing for the Music Festival, Rhonda Boone, Regina Vanderberg, Jeremy Shuman, Michelle Crabtree, Mike Wenzel, Melinda Garber, Pam Ketchum, Michelle Thorn and Susan Bauman sight-read a new piece of music.
9 Despite the problems presented by the new music, Michelle Crabtree, Sandi Grover, Stephanie Garber, Angie Baker, Susan Bauman, Lori Strohm, Brenda Pope and Holly Beaty successfully complete a new number in Ensembles.

Instrumental music lifts Panther spirits

Another arm of the fine MHS music department is the Orchestra. Students who played strings met first period with their teacher and conductor Rick Paderas, and those who played various wind instruments met with him during fifth period. While much smaller and not as highly publicized as the Marching Band, the orchestra provides a different kind of music, which, to its members and those who attended its concerts, means much more.

Another instrumental group was the Pep Band, a lively bunch led by student director John Brughelli, which continued to provide music and entertainment at football and basketball games and during the Friday afternoon rallies. The group held a practice session before each function for which they played, usually at least once a week. All of the members donated their time and spirit, earning no credit and expecting little recognition. Yet the contagious enthusiasm of the Pep Band's spirit-filled music was a weapon in the arsenal of the spiritleaders as they battled the apathy which at times was epidemic during sports activities and the fall rallies.

Rounding out the trio of small instrumental groups is the Jazz Band, a group selected from both Orchestra and Marching Band to perform jazz music. The group met before school to practice, and held a few after-school rehearsals. Although the group planned only one public performance, their hours of rehearsals put them in fine shape for any occasion. As one of the members stated, "If something comes up, we're ready."

Together, these three groups played an important part in maintaining the excellence of the all-around music program at Modesto High.

—David Snyder

below, Jazz Band, front row: Ray Chavez, James Mitts, Sabrina Farris, Chris Stanbaugh, Richard Cloud, Junior Shaird, John Brughelli. **back row:** Pete Adams, Dixie Weststeyn, Mike McGrath, Todd Hunnicutt, Rolando Aguilar, Sean Wani, Glenn Potts, Jeff Azevedo, Chris Lehikainen.

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above, Pep Band, front row: George Stinnett, Ray Chavez, John Brughelli, Sean Wani. **second row:** Glenn Potts, Richard Cloud, Ron Lopes, Dixie Weststeyn, Chris Lehikainen, Robert Escobar, Pete Adams. **back row:** Chris Dallenbach, Rolando Aguilar.

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below, Orchestra, front row: Shelly Wyatt, Hong Thai, Tom Miller, Maria Oliveira, Keith Parker, Lisa Florez, Irvin Chalk, Patty Morgan. **second row:** Ronaldo Belonovich, Ryan Edwards, Shanie Bentley, Donna De Simone, Lilly Chalk, Susie Campbell, Bernita Norris, Sara Gonzalez, Florian Gillum, Elizabeth Oliveira, Janet Ball. **back row:** Pam McClure, Sherie Cope, Sabrina Farris, Niki Smith, Pam Short, Richard Cloud, James Mitts, Junior Shaird, Ray Chavez, Robert Escobar, Chris Lehikainen, Troy Campbell.

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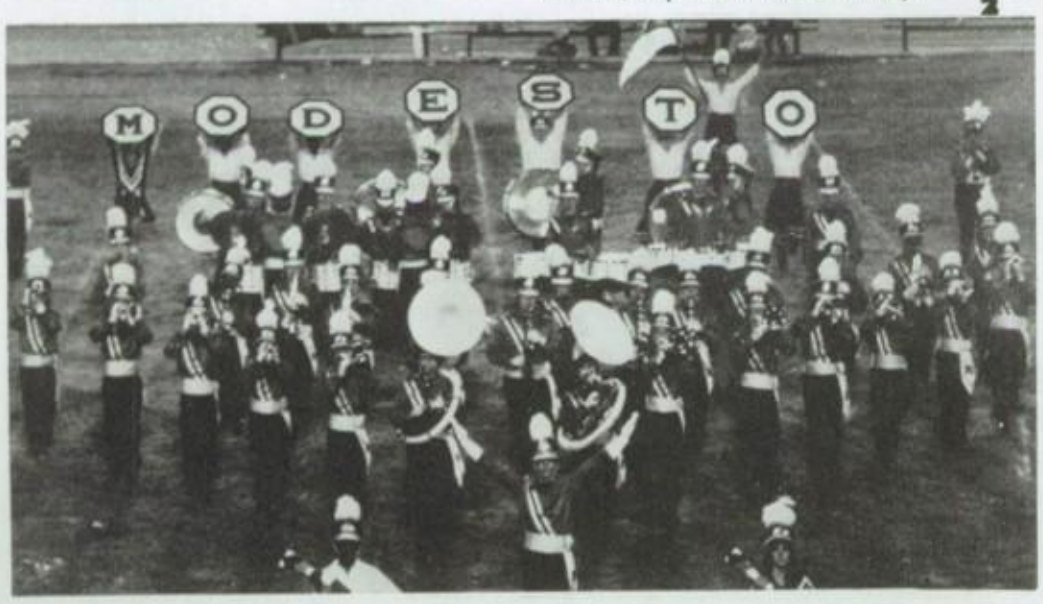
1 Sara Gonzalez and Florian Gillum try out the two parts of a new piece of music.
2 Raquel Ramirez expertly plays the violin.
3 Displaying his skill, Irvin Chalk rehearses for the spring concert.
4 Janet Ball easily translates the difficult notes into mellow violin music.
5 Plucking the low notes, Troy Campbell plays the string bass.
6 Elizabeth Oliveira warms up by practicing rudimentary scales.
7 At a fall Rally, Mike McGrath and Richard Cloud join the Pep Band finale.
8 Pep Band members George Stinnett, Rolando Aguilar, Jeff Cagle, Mike McGrath, Dixie Weststeyn and Glenn Potts show a lot of "brass."

above, MHS Marching Band: Archie Abid, Pete Adams, Scott Adkins, Rolando Aguilar, Denise Aguirre, Lydia Alberto, Dalinda Angelo, Leslie Anglim, David Archer, Gary Archer, Gina Avila, Jeff Azevedo, Michelle Azevedo, Mike Baker, Laura Ball, Nancy Bass, Christy Beaty, Susie Beckwith, Tracy Binion, Cindy Boday, Craig Boday, Chrisie Boucher, Laure Bradford, Jeff Brown, Kelli Brown, John Brughelli, Jeff Cagle, Scott Carter, Phillip Cearley, Manuel Chapa, Ray Chavez, Teresa Cisco, Shawyne Clark, Richard Cloud, Cheri Cope, Karen Corgiat, Sandy Cox, Steve Cox, Charlita Crane, Chris Dallenbach, Loren Dieu, Leonard Donaldson, Lisa Duke, Robert Escobar, Sabrina Farris, Karen Fernandes, Monica Gama, Paul Gerhardt, Jennifer Gilbreth, Ramona Goodloe, Robert Goodloe, Ann Grays, Kim Haarberg, Susan Haggard, Michelle Haley, Tina Hammond, Sherie Hobbs, Todd Hunnicutt, Kim James, Jessica King, Debbie Langerman, Jackie Langerman, Chris Lehikainen, Crystal Lindsay, Ron Lopes, Ramona Mackri, Kelly Macy, Marlaine Magnus, Emma May, Gina May, Lynette McClure, Pam McClure, Katy McGrath, Mike McGrath, Stephanie McGrath, Jason Medeiros, Laurie Medeiros, Rena Meeks, Sheryl Mendonza, Phillip Mercer, Phyllis Mercer, Tina Miles, James Mitts, Paula Nelson, Loree Oaks, Trace O'Laughlin, Sandra Ortega, Bernita Ott, Gabriel Pacheco, Paula Peeper, Sara Pollock, Glenn Potts, Joanne Potts, Nancy Ragar, Renee Riebe, Ed Sciarini, Junior Shaird, Pam Short, Melinda Simpson, Lisa Simental, Nikki Smith, Irene Spani, Kevin Stambaugh, George Stinnett, Sonia Stone, Sandi Street, Danita Swinburg, Michelle Thorn, Camilla Tillman, Ramona Velasquez, Oscar Vega, Hugo Vera, Laurie Walker, Linda Walker, Robin Walker, Stacy Walker, Sean Wani, Dixie Weststeyn, Paula White, Shanin White, Debbie Whitworth, Tammy Williams, Stephanie Wood, Erin Wray.



1 Percussionists Loren Dieu, Trace O'Laughlin, Phil Cearley, Pete Adams, Kevin Stambaugh, Kelly Macy, Jeff Brown, David Archer, Pam Short and Leslie Anglim present their half-time solo during the traditional Senior Night.
2 The MHS Marching Band takes a formation in the half-time peformance.
3 Color Guard Captain Irene Spani.
4 Drum Major Jeff Azevedo.

Band marches at State Capitol re-dedication

Under the leadership of Drum Major Jeff Azevedo and Band Director Gary Runsten, the MHS Marching Band and Color Guard continued to place among the top bands in every competition entered.

During the fall the Band participated in five competitions, from San Jose to Gustine to Hayward, as well as the annual contest in Modesto in which the Marching Panthers placed first in their class. On January 9, the Band performed by invitation at the re-dedication ceremonies of the Old State Capitol Building in Sacramento.

In addition to paying an $18 transportation fee at the beginning of the year, members of the Band were hit hard by the imposition of the $30 activity/participation fee, which was put into effect by the Board of Education last August. Despite loud protests and a lawsuit against the District, in which the MHS Band Boosters joined their counterparts at Downey and Beyer, most of the members of the Band managed to pay the fee with the assistance of the Band Boosters. However, they missed the first three football games in the process.

The directors planned a return trip to the Six Flags competition in Los Angeles, where last year the Band won first place. Thus, members were involved in promoting fund-raising items such as litter baskets, stuffed animals, and the traditional Pancake Breakfast and Spaghetti Dinners.

Re-established after two years of inactivity, Modesto High's WinterGuard, an offshoot of the Band, started rehearsing in December to prepare for competition in March. Although the eight rifles and twelve flags started out slowly, with poor attendance at practices, they worked hard and received a second-place trophy in their first competition.

—Jessica King

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above left, WinterGuard, front: Kelly Brown. **first row:** Pam McClure, Jessica King, Robin Walker, Sabrina Farris, Dalinda Angelo, Regina Avila, Karen Fernandes, Emma May. **second row:** Laurie Walker, Michele Haley, Phyllis Mercer, Dixie Weststeyn, Bernita Ott, Cindy Boday, Sara Pollock, Lynnete McClure. **back:** Stacy Walker, Susie Beckwith.

5 Mrs. Short, Mrs. Brughelli, Mrs. Azevedo, Mrs. Farris, Mrs. Weststeyn, Mrs. Walker, Mr. Walker and Mr. Weststeyn listen as the Band Boosters discuss upcoming fund-raising activities.

6 Karen Fernandes goes through her rifle routine while dressed in a crazy costume as the Band presents its traditional Senior Night half-time show.

Enrollment up, interest increases in basic Art classes

Since a fine arts class first became a requirement for graduation, art classes of all types have become increasingly popular. Due to large numbers of students enrolling for only one semester or (at the most) one year of art, the beginning course offerings were sharply increased, while the number of advanced classes continued a gradual decline. Many of the talented students who might have taken the advanced classes were unable to do so because of the strict academic requirements.

Memberships for many of the clubs was unusually low, with only a few exceptions. One of these exceptions was the Art Club, generally one of the more popular clubs in the past 25 years. It has often been one of the more active clubs on campus, and with a current membership of 40, it is second only to the French Club, MASA, and FFA.

Art Club meetings were held during classtime, so attendance was good. Although there weren't any club dues, there were a few other requirements. In order to be a member, a student had to either be currently enrolled in or have already completed a course in art or photo. Secondly, the student must be recommended by one of the club's advisors: Mrs. Phyllis Boteler or Mr. James Shuman. The requirement for officers was to be a student in an advanced class.

Home football games provided an easy source of income for the Art Club, which took advantage of the public's love for popcorn. In February, the club sponsored a 'Cubist Contest,' and in late spring held the annual Student Art Show, designed to promote art and art-related projects. Much of the money raised is channeled into the club's scholarship fund, set up to help graduating art majors.

"The main purpose of this club is to promote interest in art and in art-related activities, and to provide an outlet for students to display their work," said advisor Shuman. He also remarked that he "hoped that while students are interested in art, maybe they can also show others that it can be a fun and learning experience at the same time."

Despite various difficulties, the Art Department has continued to be a popular section of the curriculum, and the Art Club has remained one of the most popular.

—Chris Mihelis

1 With precision and accuracy Bobby Garrison concentrates on making a king-size beer mug in Ceramics class.
2 With perfection as her goal, Lisa Randolph carefully creates a fine line drawing.
3 Sharpening up their ink and water color painting, Roman Rosa and Sheri Johnson get involved as Mrs. Phyllis Boteler assists a nearby student.

left, Art Club, front row: Armando Vera, Jaye Newman, Kelly Duran, Julie Campos, Lisa O'Dell, Kerry Snyder, Lisa Randolph. **second row:** Clint McCullaugh, Gregg Reim, Brenda Swartz, Karol Corgiat, Stephanie McGrath, Brett Sather. **third row:** Harvey Pimentel, Charles Parker, Anthony Oda, Julian Martinez, Joe Gallardo, Gilbert Ornelas, Ralph Garcia, Robert Stamy. **back row:** Raul Garcia, Lucas Alberto, Jim Peck, Chuck Houser, Philip Henry, Leroy Grays, Andy Gonzales, Jeremy Shuman, Floyd Rodgers.

4 Attempting to create a rich effect, Philip Henry applies the dye to his batik in Drawing and Painting class.

5 Situated comfortably in the courtyard, Refugio Rivera, Maria Morales and Maggie Peral compare their perspective drawings as Jeff Shaffer and Darrin Dennison ponder their work.

6 While Ellen Shorter adds the final layer to her coil pot, Bobby Garrison artfully removes unwanted clay from his ceramic sculpture.

7 While taking a break from his busy schedule, Mr. Leroy Giovannoni stains a wood sculpture for display.

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Sophomore Goals prepare students for adulthood

Every student, usually in the sophomore year, is required to complete a course known as Sophomore Goals. This course comes in two parts: Career Planning and Driver Education in one semester, and Health Education in the other.

Career Planning lasts one quarter, and during this time students take a number of tests. The scores are processed by a computer which gives a print-out showing those occupations for which a person is best suited. During the same nine weeks the students visit the Career Center and explore various occupations in which they may be interested. Many students find that the best way to explore a field is by trying it, which accounts for the widespread participation in the Exploratory Work Experience program.

Driver Ed provides information and instruction on the safe operation of a vehicle, and upon completing this course students may take Driver Training (offered separately for six weeks during PE or some other elective class). After completing both of these, a student is eligible to apply for a Driver License.

Health Ed entails instruction in First Aid, CPR, and the human reproductive systems. Students also have the unique experience of spending a week as parents to Egg-Babies. This is designed to establish a sense of

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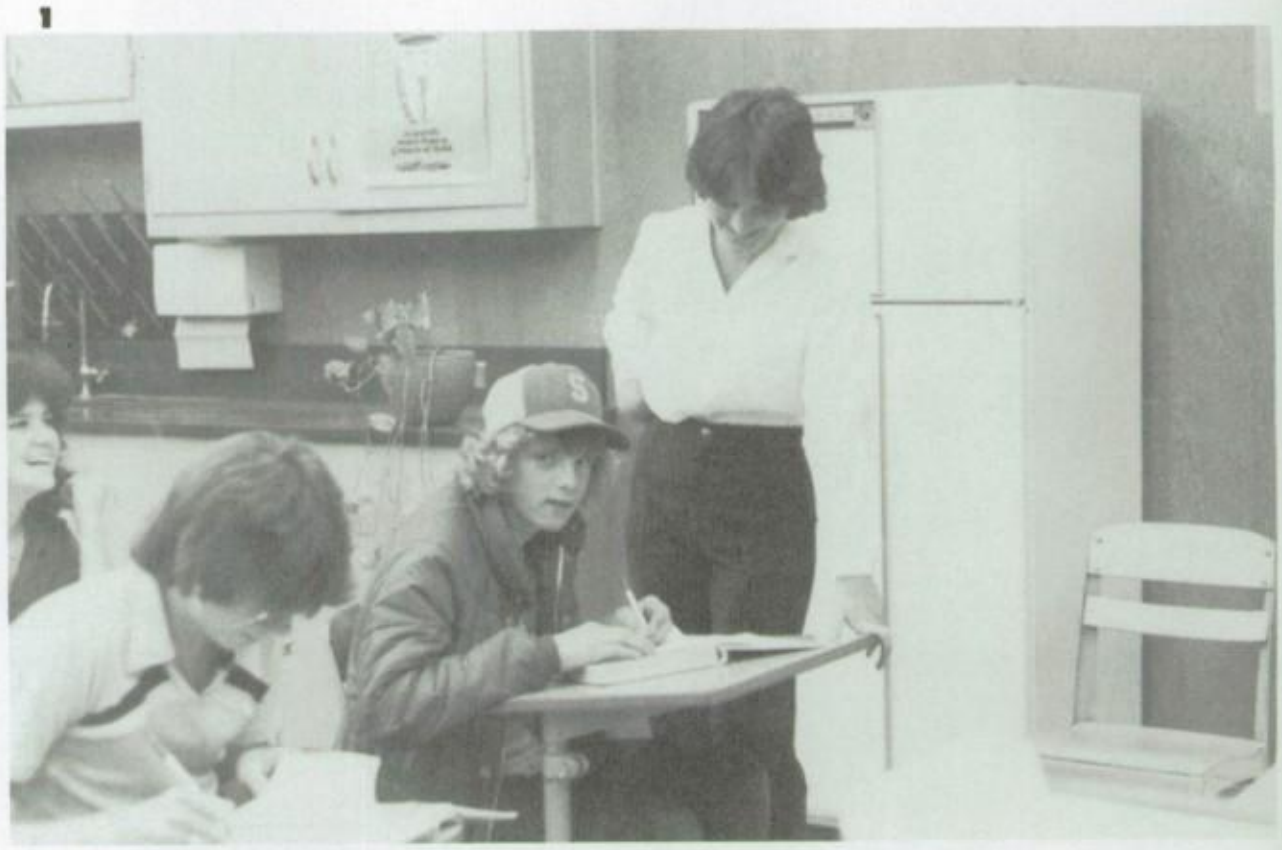

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responsibility in young adults.

For these who are diligent in their efforts to pursue their search for an occupation, the Career Club offers an opportunity to meet with and listen to professionals from many different areas and jobs. Some of the topics that have been addressed are agriculture, photography, law enforcement, military careers, science, mechanics and building construction.

Through the aid of these programs, many students begin the difficult process of moving into the role of a productive member of the adult world, a role whereby they are capable of realizing their goals and ambitions.

—Verna Chalk

1 In one of her health classes, Chris Domitrovich exchanges a joke with Cindy Harrison, Jeff Charron and Danny Freeman.
2 Listening interestedly, Andrea Williamson, Ron Dixon, Laura Ball and Chuck Bell listen to facts about health.
3 The Finger Dexterity Test of the GATB is just one of many requirements of the Careers class as Renell Anderson, Shanee Bentley and Ronda Bowling participate.
4 In an attempt to stump his health teacher with a difficult question, Philip Cearly smiles confidently as Ron Hill is distracted.
5 During a driver education class, Mr. Leonard Kaiser assists Denise Nelson while Dino Quinn, Tina Thomas and Robert Smith work quietly.
6 In the Career Center, Leslie Anglim researches the many requirements for becoming a nurse.
7 David Lopez, Anthony Oda, Mike Ortiz and Bill Clark discuss the answer to one of the many questions brought up about a career.
8 Listening intently, Gerri Peek concentrates on following directions for her next health assignment as Christina Ramos, Robert Smith and Lori Thomas await the signal to begin work.

1 Enjoying her job at the Athlete's Foot, Regina Avila happily shows a customer a pair of new shoes.
2 Pedro Escamilla prepares a new shipment of chairs for display at Breuner's.
3 Hard at work at True Value Hardware, Robert Garrison opens a box full of supplies to be stacked on the shelves.
4 Working with an offset press, Shantell Robertson checks the finished product of her work in ROP Word Processing class.

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ROP, Work Experience, CSF show heavy student participation

Many upperclassmen participate in the Work Experience program every year. This program provides them with an opportunity to acquire job experience in a field of their choice. By spending time on the job, they have the opportunity to see both the good and bad points of the job and decide whether or not they would like it as a career. In a Work Experience situation everything functions just the same as an actual work day except that it is fewer hours, and the students are given class credit instead of pay. Many people find jobs in this way because they are eventually hired "for pay."

Students enrolled in Work Experience often leave the campus at the end of fourth period, or come late in the morning, since their other credits come from their job, even if it is late in the afternoon or evening; they also attend a specified number of 'WEE' workshops each semester.

Another job-related kind of class offered through the Career Center office is ROP, the Regional Occupational Program, which is an excellent way to learn about a certain field of work while in a classroom situation. Many students from all over the city ride buses to and from another school that provides the program of their choice. One example is Davis High School which provides courses in Computer Science.

Modesto High School provides Word Processing (a business-related course), Electrical Trades, and Welding Construction, a class that is tops in the city. These clases are usually two periods long, during part of the regular school day. Mrs. Streeter is the director of the ROP program at Modesto High School.

The California Scholarship Federation is an organization which helps many college-bound students with information, scholarship applications, tests, and the related 'red tape' required by many colleges and universities. Mr. Badell advises the group at Modesto High School. A 3.0 grade point average is required for membership in the organization; the student's official record is stamped 'CSF' alongside his grades, which means that every college examining the transcript will be aware of the student's membership. On occasion the club visits some of the local universities so that members can find out more about them. This program is a great way to acquaint high school students with what each university has to offer, and which schools they would be best suited to attend.

—John Hallford

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above, CSF members, front row: Maria Contreras, Dieu Do, Tammy Rancour, Shelly Avila, Sandi Grover, Carolyn Teixeira, Doreen Jenkins, Sean Wani, Dixie Weststeyn. **second row:** Ron Lopes, Cindy Boday, Pauline Veldhuizen, Lauri Medeiros, Irma Perez, John Brughelli, Stephanie Garber, Kashmir Gill, advisor Walter Baddell. **back row:** Jeff Azevedo, Marilyn Wolf, Sabrina Farris, Michelle Simar, Lori Strohm, Laurie Bradford, Tim Simmons, Jeremy Shuman, Tom Lima, Marjorie Boone, Hugo Ortiz.

5 ROP student Gus Quattrin uses a Meg Welder during Welding Construction class.
6 Using a cutting torch, Danny Long constructs an assigned project to test the quality of his workmanship.
7 John Howard assembles a light swith for use during his ROP Electrical Trades class.
8 Attending the ROP Computer Programming class at Davis High, John Hallford runs a graphics program to start the session.
9 Robert Smith gains valuable experience while 'stringing wires' in a meter in the Electrical Trades class.

1 'Spacemen' Pete Mihelis and Leon VerBerg work at strengthening their necks in Weight Training.
2 Kathy Faust attempts to make another shot in Badminton as her teammate Patty Moses watches patiently.
below, Block M Club, front row: Teresa Chavez, Julie Campos, Kathy Satterwhite, Laure Bradford, Maureen Simpson, Doreen Jenkins, Sandi Grover, Beth Moore, Chris Mihelis, Leanda Gunter. **second row:** Sandy Lubeck, Ponci Madrigal, Hugo Ortiz, Joey Stowers, Denise Presley, Jessica King, Leroy Grays, Roy Bridges, Ron Corrales. **third row:** Randy Ragar, Jeff Bradley, Tim Simmons, Jeff Mora, Jeff Ribeiro, Joe Gallardo, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Brian Nevitt, Eric Ziegler, Doug Nevitt. **back row:** Kevin Nelson, Greg Risdon, Joe Mendonza, Troy McCutcheon, David Absher, Dennis Wend, Ed Henriques, Adam Perez, David Wend, Steve Hawkins, Ron Henry.

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3 Sophomore basketball players Mike Toso, Brian Kelly, Sam Cousins, Ron Hill, Ryan Edwards, Sam Gonzales, Tony Gonsalves and Keith Waters listen while Coach Paul Abby concludes his presentation.
4 Bertha Vera and Teresa Hernandez team up for a rainy-day game of ping pong.
5 Tracy Weiford attempts a shot at getting the birdie over the net.
6 Ryan Edwards graciously accepts his Most Improved award from Coach Abby during the Winter Sports Banquet.
7 During the Fall Sports Banquet, Scott Tomlin comments on the football season as Adam Perez listens attentively.
8 Slimnastics class members stretch together, working toward their individual goals of weight loss, or redistribution.
9 James McAmy uses the exercise rollers to increase the strength in his upper body.

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Rekindled interest makes PE classes, Block M Club more enjoyable

Due in part though not in whole to declining participation in sports, Physical Education classes became very popular. Students who, in past years, maintained their condition by involvement in sports, found that non-involvement left a large gap in their lives. Many of these students filled the space by taking one or more of the PE classes offered on campus, while others chose to join one of the many local Health Clubs.

While many students favored core PE, where they could participate in a variety of athletic activities including volleyball and basketball, others chose specific courses such as tennis, archery, basketball, soccer, or gymnastics. For a number of girls, the fourth, sixth, and seventh period dance classes in modern, tap, and ballet, taught by Mrs. Chris Broome, were the most attractive offerings, while all of the weight training classes were filled with muscle-conscious guys. During the spring, favorite activities tended toward swimming, football, and konaqui.

For those fortunates who still participated in a varsity sport, in the near future loomed a bright spot: the re-awakened Block M Club.

Organized in the 1920's, Block M is one of the oldest clubs at MHS. Though traditionally active, it has been largely dormant for the

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past few years, and was expected to continue that way through 1982. At the close of the fall semester, however, varsity baseball coach Marty Boer and head football coach Butch Mendonca agreed to sponsor the club, and plans for spring activities got underway.

Membership in the club is co-ed, and the only requirement is completion of four varsity sports, which earns a much-desired Block M letter.

—Scott Tomlin

left: While making his rounds in the courtyard, principal Dick Lang stops to talk to Karen Campbell, Donna DeSimone and other students.
below: During a Senior Class meeting, officers Don Porcella, Paul Klink and Doug Venturini discuss the Disneyland Trip with Penny Holstead, Lorna Hennessee, Shelly Avila, Lori Christianson, Dorcella Aldana, Doug Hudson, Dede Mark and Pam Short.
Insets, top: Andrea Williamson, Ron Dixon, Laura Ball, and Chuck Bell show their enthusiasm during a lecture in Health.
center: Freshmen Chris Beaty, Shawne Clark, Melinda Rodriquez, Arthur Martinez, Paula Nelson, Jenny Hayes and Monica Suarez discuss a fund-raising proposal.
bottom: Elizabeth Duenas, Joe Gutierrez, Tammy Enney, Oscar Bland and Sandra Ortega write lecture notes in Mr. Horton's American History class.

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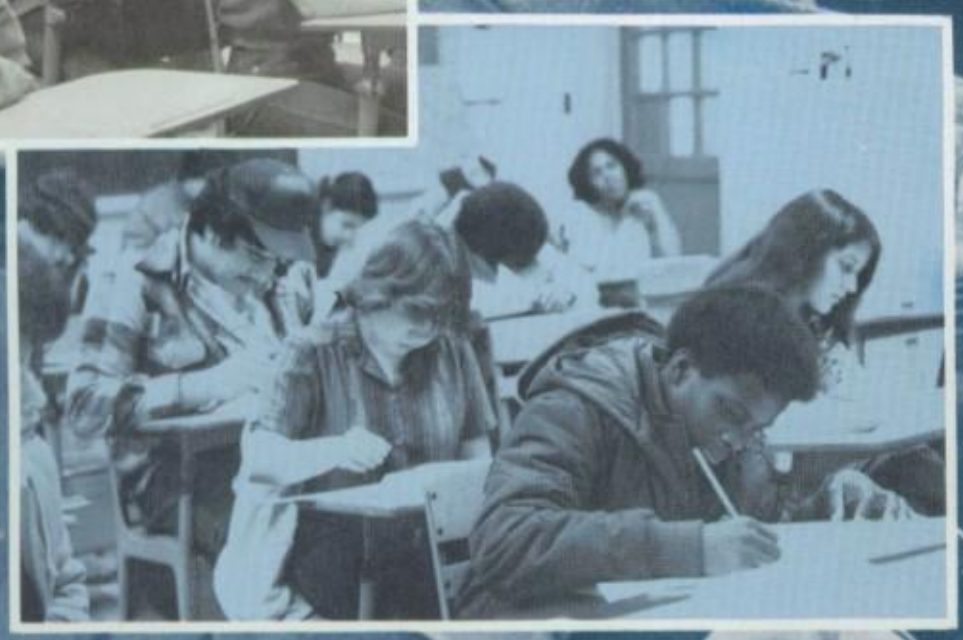

finding a place to fit into occupies many students' free time. Despite assertions of non-conformity, most students are anxious to make a few close friends and settle for a modest expression of individualism. In the classroom and at class meetings, their primary objective is to get acquainted with other similarly-inclined students.

Senior Class meetings are occupied with talk of dances and dinners, and the long-awaited Disneyland trip. Juniors and sophomores talk about ways to raise money, juniors for the Prom, and sophomores for the Hearts and Lace dance. Freshmen just get together and plan things.

Most teenagers are still searching for a personal identity, yet it is difficult for them to be certain which of their ideas and desires are appropriate and which should be modified. Above all, they feel the need for approval, for acceptance by their peers. Nonetheless, they also feel a desire for some symbol or

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students, teachers show individuality by self-expression

evidence that they are uniquely human with a distinct personality worthy of recognition.

Perhaps the most obvious attempts at self-expression are found among the many cliques on campus. Those who are looking for a group they can belong to can join the cowboys, rah-rahs, jocks, or 'surfers' in the courtyard. They can hang out in front of the school or in the halls with the 'jet set' or lowriders, or go to 'Marlborough Country' to see what the burnouts and chewers are doing. Each group fiercely asserts its independence through its dress and social customs.

Yet many students don't feel satisfied to be a member of an already-existing group; they prefer to move between groups, choosing as friends a few individuals from several different groups, as well as others like themselves who refuse to 'fit' into already pre-determined categories.

Teachers, too, prefer to be individualistic. 'Doing their own thing' ranges from Mr. Poddig's fondness for wearing gym shorts every day to Mr. Abby's zany jokes to Mr. Kenyon's crazy neckties. Although teachers are, for the most part, strict with their students, they understand —and even join with them— in their efforts to find acceptable ways to express themselves. —Juliet Costa

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Teacher/Board Members

Members of the Modesto City Schools Board of Education come from various walks of life, from insurance salesmen to dentists to housewives to teachers. Two of the present Board are active teachers: Mr. Steven Grenbeaux at the Empire School, and Mr. Michael McKibban at Prescott School.

Such a situation is not unique to MCS, however. The first year that Mr. Grenbeaux attended the state School Board Association meeting, he went to a session on teachers as board members. He recalled with a chuckle that there was a whole room full of people, although he added that most of them were retired.

Both McKibban and Grenbeaux agreed that being "on both sides" has given them better insights and understanding of the problems faced by all school boards. Says Grenbeaux, "It makes me a better board member because of my experience as a teacher." Both also feel that their dual experience gives them a little better position on negotiations between Board and teachers.

One of Mr. Grenbeaux's first priorities when he was elected was the expansion of the MHS campus. He has long been in favor of expanding to the north rather than going west, since by annexing the Washington campus and moving the elementary students elsewhere, the number of excess empty classrooms in the district has been reduced by 25; a protracted struggle to annex residential property has been avoided; and the buildings can be occupied in one year.

"The educational program in Modesto is excellent," states Mr. McKibban. "We're starting to receive more support from the community, which is richly deserved. Obviously, Proposition 13 has had a strong negative impact, and will continue to do so until some reliable alternative source of income is found." Nonetheless, he felt that MCS was in much better shape academically and financially than many other districts in the state.

Though many people wouldn't like the job, both Grenbeaux and McKibban were well satisfied with their positions. Says McKibban, "There's not a conflict in being both; rather, they accent each other."

—Jeremy Shuman

1 In the course of correcting a spelling test, Mr. Steven Grenbeaux pauses to show a student the place. **2** Mr. Michael McKibban uses an overhead projector to help his students grade their papers.

Mrs. Carol Whiteside
Board President
BA—UC Davis
psychology
member, Cal. School Boards Assn.
enjoys camping, swimming, family activities

Mrs. Marjorie Fovinci
Board Member
BA—U of Redlands
credential—UC Berkeley
Spanish
member, AAUW, v.p. Girl Scout Council, former pres. League of Women Voters
enjoys music, traveling, gardening, cooking, reading

Mr. Steven Grenbeaux
Board Member
BA—San Francisco State
cred. CSC, Stanislaus
Vietnam Vet
teacher, Empire School District
MHS grad, 1963

Mrs. Harriet Kirschen
Board Member
MHS grad
Board member since 1963

Dr. Alan Vincent
Board Member
MHS grad
BS—Brigham Young U
DDS—Western Reserve U, Cleveland, Ohio

Mr. Michael McKibban
Board Member
BA—UC Davis
zoology
member, Coalition Center for the Disabled, JayCees
enjoys auto sports, microcomputers
teacher at Prescott School

Dr. Robert Otto
Superintendent
BS—U of Nebraska
MA—Creighton U, Omaha
MS—Chapman College
EdD—UCLA
1968-73 Newport Mesa
1973-78 Grossmont HS
1978-81 Dixie ES
enjoys tennis, model trains, sports, card games, family
new at MCS, January 1981

Mr. John Uhl
Board Member
BS—Penn State U
chemical engineering
insurance agent

Mr. James C. Enochs
Assistant Superintendent, Curriculum
BA—CSU San Jose
MA—UC
Adm. Cred.—UOP
MHS grad
MCS Asst. Supt. since 1975

Mr. Richard Lang
Principal
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno
political science, educational management
enjoys golf, tennis, and fishing
new to MHS last year

Mr. Dan Caton
Assistant Principal, Instruction
MA—COP
enjoys work, golf, fishing
at MHS since 1971

Mr. Ronald L. Hill
Assistant Principal, Student Personnel
MA—Loma Linda U.
couns. and psych.
member, Phi Delta Kappa
enjoys work, bowling
at MHS since 1976

Mr. Charles Vidal
Dean of Students
BA—Cal Poly, Pomona
MA—Azusa Pacific College
nine years teacher, coach, SB director, Rubidow HS, Riverside
enjoys time spent with family, restoring antique cars
at MHS since 1979

Diane Dinsmore
Business Assistant, Director of Student Activities
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
member, California Math Council
enjoys autos, swimming, sailing
at MHS since 1975

Mr. Walter Baddell
Counselor
BA—UC; MA—UOP
advisor, CSF
chairman, Elks Club Scholarship Committee
president, Phi Delta Kappa Educational Fraternity
at MHS since 1956

Mr. Joseph Fabela
Counselor
BA—Fresno State
MA—CSU, Sacramento
member, Modesto Couns. Assn, CPGA, MTA-CTA-NEA
co-sponsor, MASA
enjoys fishing, boating, water skiing
at MHS since 1969

Mrs. Eunice Kreuder
School Nurse
BS—Columbia Union College
president, Stanislaus County School Nurse Organization
at MHS since 1966

Ms. Trudy Kamps
Counselor
MSW—U of Michigan
at MHS since 1969

Mr. William Lewis
School Psychologist
BA, MS—CSU, San Jose
enjoys jogging
at MHS since 1974

Ms. Sheridan King
Counselor
MEd—UC Santa Barbara
enjoys riding, sailing, skiing, painting, sculpting, reading
at MHS since 1977

Mrs. Carol A. Nelson
School Nurse
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
PHN—Loyola U
RN—Presbyterian-St. Luke's
member, Stanislaus County School Nurse Organization
member, California School Nurse Org.
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Art Barba
Title I Coordinator
MA—CSC, Hayward
enjoys woodcraft, tennis, basketball
at MHS since 1977

Mr. Manuel R. Palazuelos
Work Experience Counselor
BA—CSC, Sonoma
president, Northern San Joaquin Valley Chapter, CAWEE
at MHS since 1973

Mr. Thomas Bianez
Migrant Ed Counselor
BA—Cal Lutheran College
liberal studies
Vietnam Vet
enjoys music, sports, charity, dancing, writing
new at MHS this year

Mrs. Lucinda Predmore
Librarian
MA—U of Arizona
history, education
enjoys flying, reading, gardening
at MHS since 1969

Ms. Vivian Hawkins
Title I Counselor
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno
member, Phi Delta Kappa
enjoys sewing, swimming, bowling, community involvement
professional artist
at MHS since 1976

Mrs. Ingrid Strong
Migrant Resource Teacher
MA—U. of Arizona
ESL, German
enjoys skiing, tennis, reading, backpacking
new at MHS last year

Mr. Paul Abby
Physical Education
MS—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
coach, soph football, soph basketball
at MHS since 1971

Miss Marilee Abercrombie
Business
BA— CSU, San Jose
sponsor, Business Club
at MHS since 1970

Mr. Ken Adair
Speech
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
political science, speech communication
listed in 'Who's Who in Am. Col. & U—1976'
enjoys tennis, golf, photography
new at MHS this year

Mr. Don Adams
Social Science
MA—Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo
enjoys all sports
at MHS since 1967

Mr. Pritchard Amstutz
English
AB—Asbury College, Kentucky
BD—Asbury Theological Seminary, Kentucky
ThM—Princeton Theological Seminary, New Jersey
enjoys golf, violin
at MHS since 1957

Mr. Jim Autry
Co-Chairman, English
AB—CSU, San Francisco
advisor, Junior Class
coach, girls basketball
at MHS since 1971

above: Marty Black eavesdrops as Oscar Bland gets help with his homework assignment from Mr. James Kenyon.

Mrs. Mary Baker
English
MA—Washington State
advisor, Senior Class
enjoys golfing, the arts, bridge
at MHS since 1966

Mrs. Phyllis Boteler
Art
BA—Calif. Col. Arts and Crafts
enjoys cooking, sketching, and painting
at MHS since 1959

Mr. John Blackman
Resource Specialist
MA—CSU, Hayward
degree in Music Ed.
enjoys guitar, woodcraft, all sports
professional musician/performer
at MHS since 1977

Mrs. Chris Broome
Dance
MA—US International U
opened own **Dance Arts Studio,** 1979
at MHS since 1977

Mr. Daniel Boer
Adaptive PE
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
physical education
degree in Adapt. PE from UOP
enjoys golf, fast-pitch softball, politics, world affairs
new at MHS last year

Mrs. Aileene Campbell
Chairman, Business
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys fishing, camping, sewing
at MHS since 1969

Mr. Martin Boer
Careers, Athletics
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
head coach, varsity baseball, soph footbal
enjoys golfing, hi fi, sof ball, racquetball
at MHS since 1974

Mr. Dennis Clark
Music
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys music and tennis
teaches piano and orga
at MHS since 1970

Mr. H. L. Clark
Social Science
MA—U of Tulsa
dvisor, Freshman Class
oach, track
njoys gardening, reading,
sports
t MHS since 1965

Mr. Bobby Cole
Art
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys playing basketball
at MHS since 1975

r. Russel Cosgrave
hairman, Agriculture
Ed—UC Davis
onsor, FFA
aches ROP Welding
MHS since 1957

rs. Patricia Decker
o-Chairman, Home Economics
A—CSU, Fresno
ember, Home Economics Assn.
joys cooking, traveling
MHS since 1978

Mr. Steve Costley
Substitute
BA—UC Santa Barbara
history
enjoys travel, photography reading, writing
new at MHS last year

Ms. Kris Domitrovich
PE, Health
BS—San Jose State University
enjoys sports, travel
at MHS since 1979

Self-evaluation for Accreditation

Every five years the teachers and administrators at Modesto High School meet to write an Accreditation Report surveying the curricular offerings and teaching methods available at MHS. Two months later a committee composed of two teachers, a college professor, a principal, a vice principal, a chairman, and a superintendent, all from northern California and members of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges, visits the school for three days. Committee members talk to teachers and students and visit classrooms in an effort to determine whether the report is complete and accurate or not. They take student opinion polls and check the recommendations of the previous report. Finally, they write their own report, containing commendations for areas of accomplishment they find especially praiseworthy, and listing their suggestions for improvement and their recommendations for changes.

If they feel there are serious areas of weakness, or that the suggestions of the previous report were not implemented, they may give a partial accreditation, and return in three years to review the school again. This has never happened at MHS, says Steering Committee Chairman Ken Williams.

Accreditation is an optional, though valuable service. Graduates from an accredited school must be accepted by all major colleges and universities. The reason for this is to assure the institutions that the students have been taught the proper information, and to assure students that they will be able to succeed in the college courses they take.

Former MHS principal Wes Berry was one of the people who helped to start the Association, and when he retired as principal he became the executive secretary of the group. The standard period of time between accreditation visits is five years. The last Accreditation Committee visit to MHS, however, was seven years ago. Due to the strike in 1980, we received a one-year extension. In 1981 the conflict between the Board and the Modesto Teachers Association was still unresolved, and so the MHS administration asked for, and received, a one-year mini-accreditation.

The groups preparing the Accreditation report included the Steering Committee, comprised of the chairmen of the other committees, the General School Committee, made up of the administrators, the Departmental Committee, formed of department chairmen, all three headed by Mr. Ken Williams; the Community Committee, made up of parents and headed by Mrs. Flo Lubeck; the Student Committee, headed by Tim Simmons; and the Classified Employee Committee, comprised of clerical, custodial, and non-teaching staff, headed by Marcy Matson. Each of these groups wrote their own assessment of the school, which was compiled into the final document.

—Chris Aldana.

above: Principal Dick Lang explains how MHS is implementing 'The Fourth R' to Mr. Robert Sweet, Undersecretary of the US Department of Education in Washington, DC, who visited the Modesto City Schools in November.
left: Chairman of the Accreditation Steering Committee and English Department head Ken Williams reviews an outline of the student report from Student Body President Tim Simmons, the student committee chairman.

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Jess Garcia

Since coming to MHS in 1979, Jess Garcia has served in a number of assignments. He has been freshman and varsity softball coach, head sophomore football coach, and assistant varsity football coach. He is currently in his third year as a campus supervisor, or 'narc.'

Jess is 38, "going on 19," and says he will never grow old mentally. One of his outstanding features is his ability to be both an authority figure and a personal friend to many of the students at MHS. This ability contributes to his great popularity with the student body. Possessing a sense of humor, he is a good listener and helper, and tries to put himself in the shoes of the students so that he can see things from their level. His goal is to earn the respect of the students, while at the same time giving everyone fair opportunity to express their potential.

One of the most interesting things about Mr. Garcia is his diversity of interests. When not patrolling the campus, talking with students, or coaching sports, he can be found indulging in one or more of his favorite pastimes. He loves music, and keeps up with all the latest songs and artists. He has a collection of nearly 6,000 albums, of which his favorites are AC-DC, The Eagles, and Bob Seiger. He also owns a complete sound system, including a set of headphones which he often dons when he

wants to relax to some music. His other interests include writing poetry, often dealing with personal experiences; reading; and painting abstracts.

Jess graduated from Livingston High in 1962, and played 3 years of football in the service, earning an honorable mention from the All-Army Football Team of 1965. He attended two years at Merced College, then switched to Utah State, graduating with a major in PE and two minors: health ed and English. In 1970, during his senior year at Utah, he

was classified as one of the nation's top 10 college punters, averaging 42 yards per punt. He received offers from the Bills, the Bears, and the Eagles, and played pro ball for several years.

His personality, he claims, is as flexible as his interests. He is an emotional and sometimes moody person, who tries to hide his anger. He does, however, fully enjoy expressing joy and happiness. Though a tough individual, he is a very sensitive person and feels that honesty is the most important aspect of his life.

Jess has only two women in his life: his seven-year old daughter, Jessica, and his best friend and biggest critic, his fiancee.

—Verna Chalk

top: During a fall rally, Coach Garcia speaks to the students on the progress of the Sophomore Football Team.
center: Surrounded by his awesome collection of stereo equipment, Mr. Jess Garcia listens to one of his over 5000 albums.
above: Doing his daily duty as a campus supervisor, 'Narc' Garcia questions Rhonda Albright about her absence from class.

Mr. Warren Dunn
Electronics
MA—CSU, Chico
industrial education
taught at MHS 13 years, Beyer HS 8 years, returned to MHS last year
enjoys fishing, camping, computers

Mr. Patrick Durr
English, ESL
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
advisor, MASA
enjoys music, new sons
at MHS since 1979, but taught here previously

Mr. Harlan Elving
Wood
MA—CSC, Chico
sponsor, VICA
union carpenter
enjoys yard work, building furniture
at MHS since 1962

Mr. Riley Estabrook
Migrant English Teacher
BA—North Texas State
at MHS since 1978

Mr. Robert Escobar
Auto Mechanics
BS—CSU, Fresno
member, Mini Club of America
enjoys being with his famil
at MHS since 1963

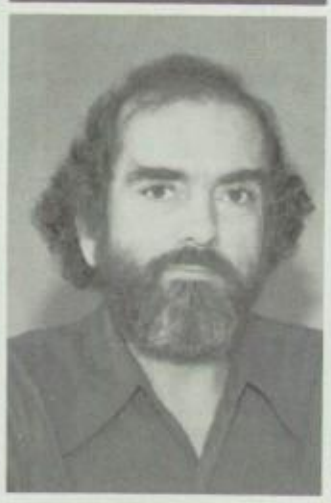
Mr. Tyron Farley
Resource Specialist
BA—CSU, Chico
member, Chess Club
enjoys bowling, chess
at MHS since 1968

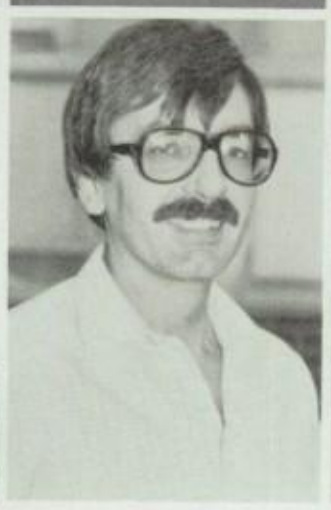
below: Industrial Education instructor Mr. Richard Finn assists Cindy Calton in gluing together her project in Woodcraft class.

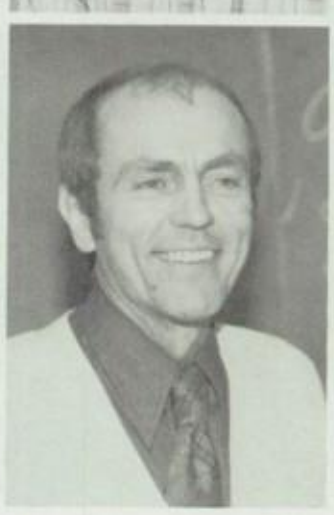
r. Karl Finch
cience
S—Cal Poly, Pomona
njoys church activities and
all sports
MHS since 1968

Mr. Richard Finn
Woodcraft
BA—Montclair State College, New Jersey
sponsor, VICA
enjoys woodworking, large scale live steam railroading, and flying
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Joan Fisher
Biology
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys sewing, reading, swimming, good students
at MHS since 1966







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—UC Berkeley
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MHS since 1967

Mr. Leroy Giovannoni
Chairman, Art
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, School Service Art
enjoys snow skiing, water skiing, scuba diving
at MHS since 1957

Mrs. Denise Hewitt
Business, Home Ec, Math
BA—CSU, San Jose
home economics, business
winner, Betty Crocker Family Leader of Tomorrow award
enjoys cooking, sewing
new at MHS spring, 1981

Mr. Edward Gonsalves
Math
BS—U of San Francisco
member, CTA State Council, CTA Advisory Panel on Insurance, and MTA Board of Directors
at MHS since 1966

Mr. Arlen Holen
Science
MS—U of Utah
member, CTA, NEA, MTA
sponsor, Science Club
enjoys hiking, jogging, bicycling, fishing
at MHS since 1979, but taught here previously

Mr. Manuel C. Gonsalves
Government, American History
BA—UC Berkeley
mem., Phi Beta Kappa, MTA Bd. of Direct., Coalition Center of the Disabled, Inc.
president, Stanislaus Adult Blind Club
enjoys gardening, reading, traveling
at MHS since 1962

Mrs. Diana Holtz
Co-Chairman, Home Economics
BA—CSC, Sacramento
sponsor, 'S' Club
at MHS since 1971

Mr. Jose Ignacio Guerrero
Spanish, PE
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
Bi-lingual credential
coach, Cross Country, Soccer
enjoys chess, jogging
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Loren Horton
History
MA—U of Redlands
enjoys music and cooking
at MHS since 1957

Mr. William Han
Special Education
BS—J. B. Stetson U
member, MTA, CTA, NEA and CEC
enjoys fishing, hunting, flying, skin diving
at MHS since 1958

Mr. Leonard Kaiser
Driver Ed and Athletic Director
BA—Nebraska State
enjoys sports
at MHS since 1961

below: Mrs. Phyllis Boteler cheerfully checks the work of Shannon Pearson in her seventh period Beginning Art class.

Mr. James V. Kenyon
English
MA—U of Oregon
advisor Junior Class
enjoys duplicate bridge
at MHS since 1964

Miss Dolores Killam
Chairman, Physical Education
BA—CSU, Sacramento
sponsor, Ski Club
coach, tennis teams
member, Booster Club
enjoys woodworking, tennis, skiing
at MHS since 1953

Mr. Mike Kiyoi
Business
BS—CSU, Fresno
coach, football, wrestling, track
at MHS since 1971

Mr. Louis Lacoste
Math
BA—CSU, Sacramento
'walnut king of Modesto'
at MHS since 1959

Mr. Vincent Lane
Math, Business
BA—CSU, Sacramento
enjoys golf, jogging
at MHS since 1965

Mr. Butch Mendonca
Math, PE
BA—Humboldt State
member, CTA, AFCA
head coach, Varsity Football
enjoys golf and water skiing
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Frank Lopez
Substitute
BA—UC Berkeley
MPA—USF, Law School
sociology, law
coach, girls soccer
enjoys karate, fishing, soccer
new at MHS this year

Mr. John Miller
Social Science and Athletics
BA—Adrian College
MA—Eastern Michingan U
coach, wrestling, varsity football
enjoys camping, travel, fishing
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Carolyn Leathers
Gymnastics, PE
BA—UC Berkeley
coach, girls gymnastics, yell and song leaders
enjoys camping, softball, reading
at MHS since 1975

Mrs. Julie Newburn
Resource Specialist
BA—CSU, Chico
MA—U of La Verne
enjoys skiing, needlework, traveling
new at MHS this year

Mr. Marvin Lundquist
World Geography
BA—Western Washington State College
advisor, Freshman Class
enjoys hiking, reading, music, book collecting
at MHS since 1962

Mr. Loren Nyman
Agriculture
BS—CSU, Fresno
sponsor, FFA
at MHS since 1968

Mr. John McCaffery
Business
BS—U of San Francisco
enjoys handball, tennis, racketball, volleyball hiking and biking
at MHS since 1951

Mr. Rodney Owen
English, Title I Asst. Coordinator
BA—MacMurray College
enjoys backpacking, fishing, and home repairs
at MHS since 1974

Mr. Wayne McGhee
English
BA—CSU, Fresno
physical education
coach, varsity basketball
played 4 years minor league baseball (Red Sox and Cards)
enjoys sports, gardening, family
new at MHS this year

Mr. Rick Paderas
Orchestra
BM—UOP
member, CODA, CMEA
enjoys fishing, bowling, photography
at MHS since 1976

Mrs. Pauline Parolini
Speech Therapy
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
speech, communications
pathology
enjoys camping, backpack-
ing, cards, dining out
4-H leader
new at MHS this year

Mr. M. H. Peterson
Special Education
BA—Concordia College
at MHS since 1973

Mr. Herb Poddig
Chairman, Physical Education
AB—UC Berkeley
coach, golf team
at MHS since 1957

Mr. Tony Pruitt
English, Newspaper
BA—San Francisco State
member, CATE, NCTE
advisor, Sophomore Class,
Broadcast
at MHS since 1979, but
taught here previously

Dr. David Rancano
English, Social Science, Spanish
LD—U of Havana, Cuba
sponsor, MASA
past president, Hispanic American Society
at MHS since 1971

Mrs. Judy Remmers
Chairman, Foreign Language; French, Clothing
BA—Gustavus Adolphus College
sponsor, French Club
at MHS since 1967

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Ed Gonsalves

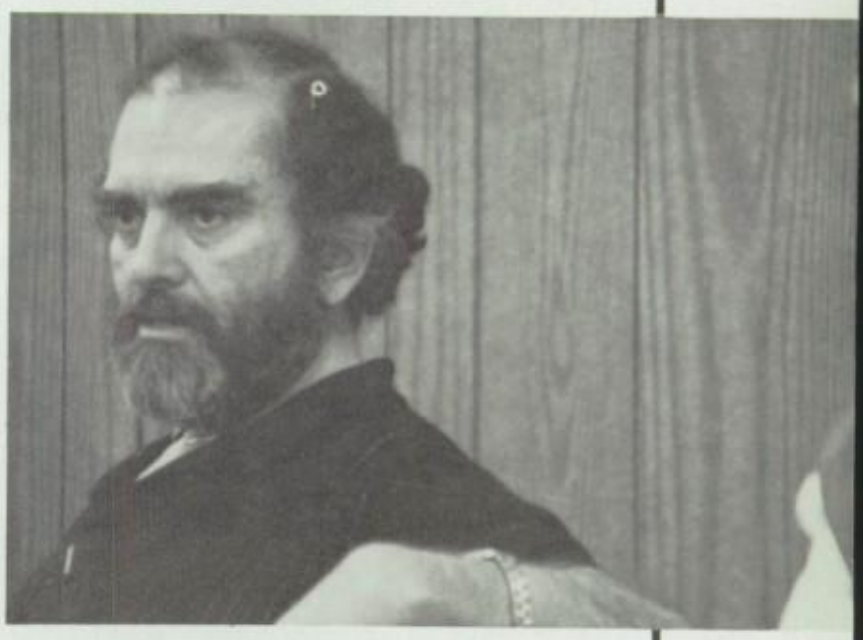
Who has spent the past twelve years of his life helping to keep Modesto area teachers happy? No, not an administrator or a District Supervisor; his name is Ed Gonsalves, an algebra teacher here at Modesto High School. He has been an actively involved as a member of the Modesto Teachers Association, the California Teachers Association, and the National Education Association since 1966 when he began teaching at MHS.

In 1970 he was elected to the office of vice president of the MTA. His term lasted for two years, after which he was elected president of the MTA. In 1973, during his first year as president, he single-handedly visited every Modesto City School faculty to inform the teachers why the MTA needed to become a Uni-serve Unit. Although the change more than doubled the existing dues, his persuasiveness prevailed, and the two-thirds majority vote needed to establish the unit was achieved.

In 1974 he was chosen to be a member of the State Council of Education, the state-wide 'representative assembly' consisting of delegates from each of the local units. He has served continuously since that time as one of two representatives from the MTA, with his current term ending in 1983. The Council is the CTA's policy-making body; it examines and takes a position on all educational bills proposed in Sacramento, as well as determining which if any candidates to support, and similar issues.

Mr. Gonsalves is currently president of the Special Economic Services Committee of the State Council, which deals with insurance and related services for the CTA. His duties include serving on an insurance hearing panel. This panel is made up of eleven teachers who listen to and rule on disputes involving auto, helath, dental, vision, and life insurance claims. At each meeting, the panel hears 20 to 25 of these cases.

Outside of his MTA, CTA, and NEA work, the majority of Mr. Gonslaves time is spent with his family. He and his wife Carolyn enjoy theater, reading, and family outings. He has three children, Catherine and John, a senior and junior at Davis, respectively, and his youngest, one and a half year old Robin. —Debbie Bowling



above: Mr. Ed Gonsalves checks to see that Rena Meeks and Dodie Solinger are following the right formula in their Algebra II class.
right: Conferring with MTA's other representative to the State Council, Mr. Ed Gonsalves listens to Mrs. Pat Jones during a break.
far right: Maintaining his reputation for 'listening with his eyes' (which are very dark and piercing), Mr. Ed Gonsalves intently follows the discussion of an MTA Executive Council meeting.

Louis Lacoste

"It has been an enjoyable experience, but I'm ready," says Louis Lacoste, as he steps into retirement after 23 years as a teacher at Modesto High school. He is currently a math teacher, and the oldest MHS graduate on the staff at Modesto High. "We've seen out good and bad times, although there has been much more good than bad."

Mr. Lacoste graduated from Modesto High School in 1943. He was an all-around athlete and a member of the 1943 CCC basketball champs. "Everbody was friendly and knew each other," he recalls.

'Louie' came back to MHS in 1959,

after attending Modesto Junior College and California State College at Sacramento. He served as the assistant football coach under Dan Gonsalves for five years. He also coached freshman baseball and basketball for four years, and taught health ed and first aid. In 1964 he began teaching math and has stayed with it ever since.

Known among the faculty as a great practical joker, he loved playing pranks on members of the coaching staff—and of course he got his share of jokes in return. Students knew him as a demanding but compassionate teacher. The administration kidded him for being the first to leave each afternoon, yet he was always in the classroom, ready to start the day, on time.

"I have enjoyed teaching at Modesto High," he says. "This has always been the best high school and I know it always will be. The kids here are great, and the staff and administration are the best there is. I have enjoyed working with the other teachers. There has been a lot of companionship."

Mr. Lacoste retired this year to his 27-acre walnut farm, where he enjoys raising his crops, and hunting and fishing in his spare time. —John Hallford

above: After 23 years of service, Mr. Louis Lacoste smiles at the thought of his long-awaited retirement.
left: While demonstrating how to solve a problem, Mr. Lacoste gives helpful hints to Yolanda Hernandez.
below: Louis Lacoste gives his life story to yearbook staff member John Hallford.

Mr. Willard M. Ripley
Auto Mechanics
BA—CSU, Fresno
District VICA Advisor
enjoys water and snow skiing, old car collecting
at MHS since 1972

Mr. Gary Runsten
Chairman, Music
MM—U of Michigan
District Music Chairman
sponsor, Pep Band
at MHS since 1971

Mr. John C. Sample
Chairman, Social Science; Am. Hist.
BS—U of Wisconsin, Superior
member, Phi Delta Kappa
assistant announcer, football & baseball
enjoys photography
MHS chairman, PTA
honorary member, FFA
at MHS since 1954

Mr. Vincent Sereno
Chairman, Industrial Ed; Graphic Arts
BA, MA—CSU, Fresno
enjoys photography, fishing, travel, sports
at MHS since 1961

Mr. Odell Scott
Chairman, Science
MS—Brigham Young U a
Arizona State U
member, LDS (Mormon) Church
sponsor, Science Club
at MHS since 1957

Mr. James Shuman
Photojournalism, English, Yearbook
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
sponsor, **Sycamore** and Art Club
enjoys art, gardening, writing poetry
at MHS since 1966

Mrs. Maridale Smith
German
BA—UC Berkeley
sponsor, German Club, AFS
at MHS since 1977, but also taught here previously

Mrs. Marjorie Stuhlman
Chairman, Math
AB—CSU, San Jose
at MHS since 1960

Mr. James Thrasher
Resource Specialist
BA—Wittenberg U
coach, Frosh Basketball, Frosh Baseball
advisor, BSU
enjoys basketball, softball, movies, music
new at MHS last year

Mr. Paul F. Tischer
English, Drama
MA—CSC, Stanislaus
enjoys camping, skiing, traveling
director, Modesto Assn. of the Perform. Arts
at MHS since 1965

below: Mrs. Carolyn Leathers leads 'team members' Ila Westfall and John Miller in exercises during the staff rally to get them ready for the Big Game.

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MHS since 1961

. John Whitaker
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A—Columbia U
mber, ACLU, Common Cause
ouncer for football ames
isor, Senior Class
MHS since 1952

Mr. Ron Vermeulen
English
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
coach, Sophomore Baseball member 1977, 1978 national baseball champs, CSCS
enjoys sports, woodcrafts
at MHS since 1979

Mr. Kenneth Williams
Co-Chairman, English; Journalism
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
co-author of 'Voices in Literature'
district resource person for language arts development, K-12
at MHS since 1963

Mr. Robert Welch
Reading LH/EH
MA—U of Iowa
past president, Phi Delta Kappa 1068
at MHS since 1968

Mrs. Yvonne Wilson
English
AB—UC Berkeley
AA—MJC
an MHS grad
gymnastics judge
enjoys sports
at MHS since 1956

Ms. Ila Westfall
Math
BA—CSC, Stanislaus
mathematics
enjoys photography, tennis
new at MHS last year

Mr. William Yard
Metal Shop, Drafting, and PE
BA—CSC, Chico
coach, boys gymnastics
enjoys photography, kayaking, windsurfing
at MHS since 1968

above: Mrs. Joanne Henry checks Alma Figueroa's work in sewing class.

below, Cafeteria Staff, front row: Helen Calabrese, Annie Borreli, Cindy Nieto, Pat Hildreth, manager, Mary Carpenter, Kitty Corda. **back row:** Rachel Jobe, Esther Grossman, Jimmi Fagans, Kathy Avants, Thelman Casey, Pat Bowman, Lena Walker, Polly Morrison, Shirley Ray.

above: Kevin Dixon helps as cooks Mary Carpenter, Rachel Jobe, Pat Bowman and Thelma Casey clean up after lunch.

Hazel Bates
Title I Aide

Eddie Bolden
Title I Aide

Barbara Bembers
Special Ed Aide

Mary Cabral
Migrant Ed Aide

Irene Carranza
Title I Aide

Donna Clark
Attendance Clerk

Phyllis Castleman
English Dept. Secretary

Mary Davis
School Secretary

Sandy Chambers
Work Experience Cle

Theresa Fechner
Dean's Secretary

Albino Franco
Migrant Ed Aide

Jess Garcia
Campus Supervisor

Sharon Fujii
Bookroom Clerk

Marianne Giddings
Clerical Staff

Service Staff helps support school

Leanne Gordon
Campus Supervisor

Elaine Hoover
Bookkeeper

Diane Hansen
Title I Aide

Antoinette Jackson
Special Ed Aide

above: Cleaning up after another busy school day, Groundskeeper Paul Van Houten heads 'The Goat' across the courtyard for the 'Bonzi bins,' where the accumulated litter from campus trash barrels will be dumped.

As early as 5:30 am our dedicated service staff begins extending their helping hands to prepare the school for dependent students. Cooks, custodians, clerks, librarians, aides, secretaries and bus drivers all do an efficient job of handling the many small tasks required to keep MHS running smoothly.

Due to changes in attendance and tardy systems, extra clerical work was needed by aides and clerks. Their help in typing records and filing reports was a big part of what made the new procedures effective and successful.

The cafeteria crew provided dedicated work just keeping up with the popular demand for cinnamon rolls and cookies during the 15 minute nutrition break. Keeping 5 or 6 windows open for the many options at lunchtime was a well-appreciated answer to the never-ending food lines.

Bus drivers took upon themselves the largely thankless task of providing transportation to and from school for up to one third of the student body. At 2:10 every afternoon there was a mad scramble to 'grab a seat' on the bus, since most were filled to capacity. Despite proposals to impose a transportation fee, the long ride home was still free, and afforded students a chance to get some homework done, or catch up on the latest gossip.

Custodians were busy on campus from 7:00 am till 11:00 pm, doing the 'thousand and one' jobs required to keep the campus clean and operating efficiently. This task was made more difficult than before by further reductions in the staffing ratio, and loss of CETA help. Much of the campus, including all classrooms, was put on an every-other-day cleaning schedule, which resulted in less-tidy classrooms and overflowing wastebaskets. Even so, custodians maintained the essential services which both students and teachers have come to expect and appreciate.

Instructional aides continued to devote themselves to assisting students with problems in the classroom, whether it was spelling, reading, or math, or something of a more personal and individual nature.

Bus drivers, custodians and aides all contributed their patience and kindness by going out of their ways to help students with a problem (a locker that wouldn't open, for instance) and returning lost items found throughout the school. This attitude, so well displayed by all the Service Staff, helped students and teachers remember that everyone working together is what maintains that Red and Black pride!

—Karen Fernandes

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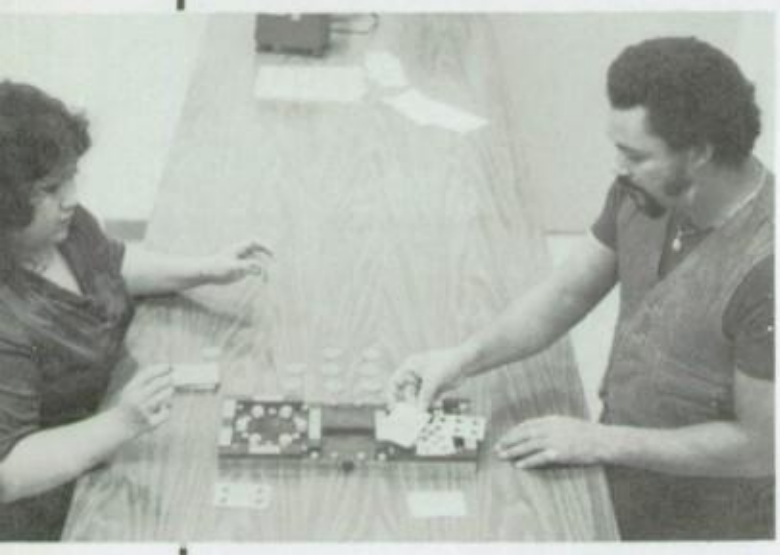
Leon Imbert

The head night custodian at MHS, Leon Imbert is responsible for seeing that the evening crew cleans and locks all the rooms before leaving at 11:00. But during his time off, he enjoys inventing and making games.

His first game was invented with the help of his wife. **Cashino** was designed for six players, as it was meant to be a family game, but it is now out of production. He began looking for one he could produce himself, and came up with his current game, **African Roulette.** This is a man-to-man game and is made of wood, so serves a dual purpose: it satisfies the demand for one-on-one games, and avoids the hassles associated with commercial production. **African Roulette** is also the only 'black American' game available, says Leon.

Of the 25 variations, the basic set includes only 2; **Grand Slam** and **African Roulette.** The other 23 are available by mail. The basic game set can be played by children as young as eight.

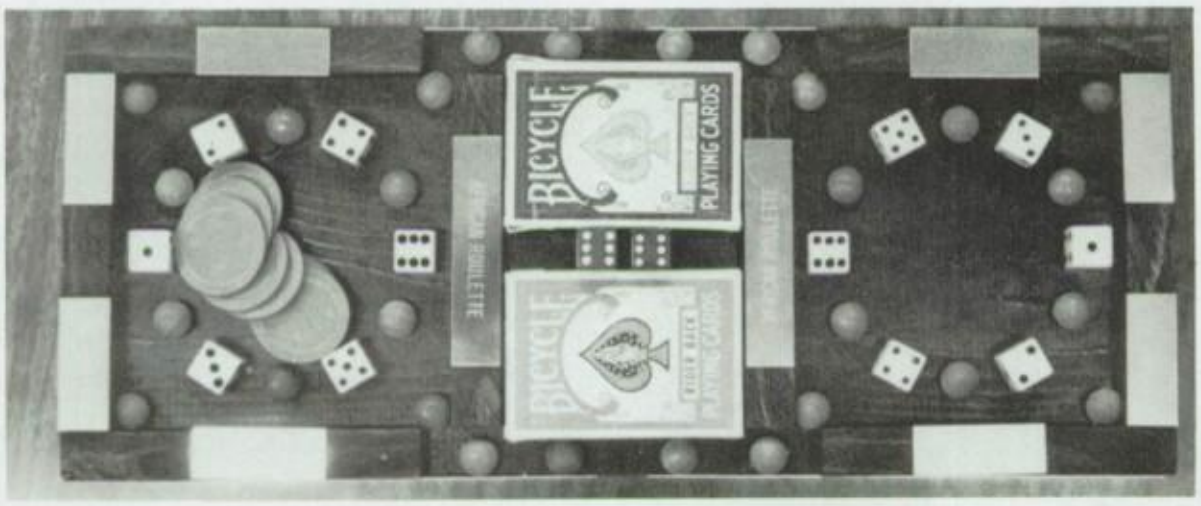


Leon plans to market the game through his own game company, **Ebony Games,** based here in Modesto. He also plans to organize inter-city tournaments, sponsored by his organization WARA (World African Roulete Association), as an advertising campaign. The tourney winners will receive trophies.

When not working on games or at the school, Leon enjoys writing poetry, and has just finished the melodies and lyrics for a complete album; he is now looking for someone to put it out.

Leon was born in the Bay area. He attended Sacramento High School, but dropped out in his sophomore year to join the army. After serving four years, he was released in 1969, at the height of the Vietnam War.

He returned to the Bay area as a freelance press photographer, but approximately one year later he lost all his equipment in a fire that swept his apartment complex. Afterwards he moved to Modesto to live with a brother who is a member of the police force. For a time he wrote poetry and designed posters; he did the photography for one Stanislaus County brochure before taking a job with the school district in 1975.



top: Head evening custodian Leon Imbert hopes his game 'catches on' with the public.
center: In response to Lynn Ventura's questions, Leon proudly explains the basic rules of the game, and a few of the 25 variations that are possible.
above: The board and equipment for **African Roulette,** a game invented and manufactured entirely by Leon Imbert.

He was promoted to his current position last June.

Leon's idol is not a current figure, but rather one who has been dead for centuries: Leonardo da Vinci. He looks up to him because he was "into everything," much as is Leon himself.

—Laurie Walker

Louise Johnson
Attendance Clerkf

Ruth Johnson
Title I Clerk

Wendy Lanphear
Library Clerk

Marcy Matson
Principal's Secretary

Gloria McCoy
Counseling Office Secretary

Therese McHale
Special Ed Aide

Addie McManus
Title I Aide

Beverly Miller
Attendance Clerk

Sandy Orique
Special Ed Aide

Carmen Rodriquez
Title I Aide

Kathy Overgaard
School Receptionist

Pam Sanchez
Special Ed Aide

Lucille Paul
Records Clerk

Janet Pettigrew
Computer Clerk

Jean Redlew
Migrant Ed Aide

below, Bus Drivers: Ray Huckabay, Nadine Phipps, Joe Ibarra, Linda Fereira, Joe Silva, Phyllis Edwards.

above, Custodians, front row: Randy Reeves, Mel Sprinkle, James Banks, Martin Alejo. **second row:** Abel Hernandez, Ed Montez, Dave Robertson, Jorge Rivas, Al Martinez. **back row:** Bill Fox, Kim Mason, Leon Imbert, Steve DeLaCruz, James Stanton, Paul Van Houten.

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eve Streeter
Career Center Assistant

Ursula Spafford
Title I Aide

Lynn Ventura
Attendance Clerk

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Senior Essay

It was with mixed feelings of sadness and excitement that the Class of 1982 came to the end of four years of fun and education at MHS. The seniors were now ready to start a new life on their own: whether getting married, beginning a career, or going on to college, the insights they gathered as they focused on the future made them realize that their responsibilities were becoming greater than they had ever been before. Mid-term graduates, those with concurrent schedules at Modesto Junior College, and students with full or part-time jobs all began to understand what life is like after high school. Many who had held jobs in the fall found themselves out of work —and out of money— just when Senior expenses were at their greatest.

They faced the responsibility of paying the costs pertinent to their final year —class rings, senior portraits, announcements, caps and gowns, college aptitude tests, college application fees, even a final copy of the **Sycamore** to preserve the insights of their last chapter of Panther Life.

Beginning planning for the traditional senior trip to Disneyland early in the year, the total cost was soon set a $55 per person; a $20 non-refundable deposit was due by March 15. Even though they could earn credit toward the cost of the trip by selling placemat ads for the Senior Dinner, many students considered the price too high. Because of this, the May 21 trip was not as well attended as some had hoped it would be, for only two buses made the trip to southern California.

The spring semester marked a change in the thoughts and attitudes of many seniors. Many of them fell victim to a growing epidemic of "senioritis," a highly contagious malaise for which the only cure, they contended, was an early vacation. Though some decided to "get away" to the lake or reservoir during class time, the more faithful seniors continued to study in an effort to make their last report card a memorable one.

Seniors were faced with the realization that they were approaching society's arbitrary line marking "the age of adulthood" at an unusually critical point in time: both inflation and recession were at unprecedented levels of severity. Many Seniors experienced the "in-between" feeling of being glad to leave, yet wanting to stay —both at the same time. While here at MHS, they could, at least part of the time, avoid the obiligations of full-time citizenship. After graduation, as young adults, it suddenly becomes their responsibility to arrange their own lives, handling the problems that come their way in a mature manner. —Dalinda Angelo

above, Senior Class advisors: John Whitaker, Sharon Fowler, Tony Pruitt.
left, Senior Class Officers, front: Teresa Chavez, Livinia Williams. **standing:** Don Porcella, Doug Venturini, Paul Klink.

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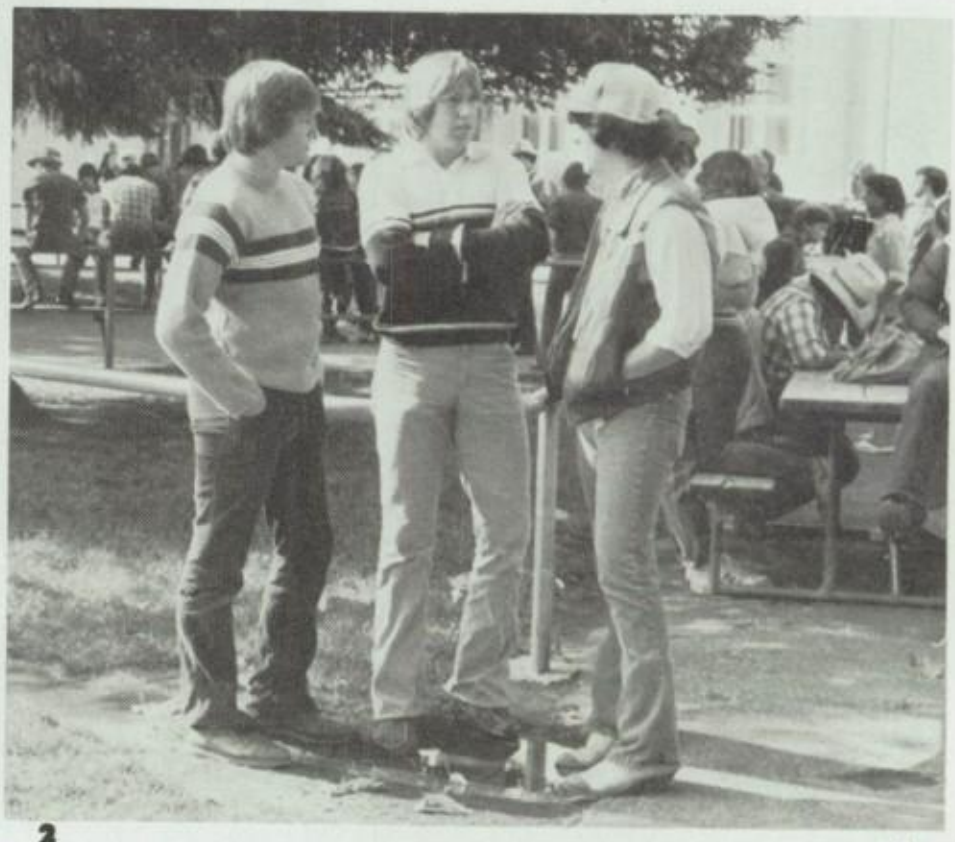
1 Senior Rally Execs Maria Contreras, Cindy Boday, Pam Short, Laurie Walker, Sandy Lubeck, Birgit Patzer, Sari Kasanen, Lorna Hennessee, DeDe Mark and Joe Gallardo, with the help of seniors Kathy Satterwhite, Tanya Welch, Jaime Johnson and Julie Campos, get the crowd enthused at a football rally.



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2 Greg Risdon listens skeptically as Doug Nevitt and Eric Ziegler give their version of last night's wrestling meet.
3 Enjoying the recognition, not to mention his favorite subject, food, Joe Gallardo sits down to eat a piece of cake from his secret pal.
4 Members of the Class of '82 proudly pose for their panoramic picture.
5 During a lull in the Beyer-Modesto basketball game, "rowdy rooter" Kevin Nelson enjoys an unusual quiet moment.
6 At an evening yearbook meeting, Karen Fernandes calls her mom to tell her she'll be home a **little** late.
7 Government students Ron Corrales, Randy Ragar and Pam Short participate in a civil mock trial.

Jeff Azevedo
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Carie Hampton
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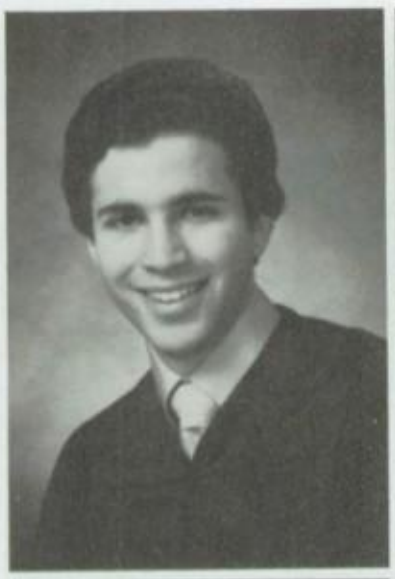

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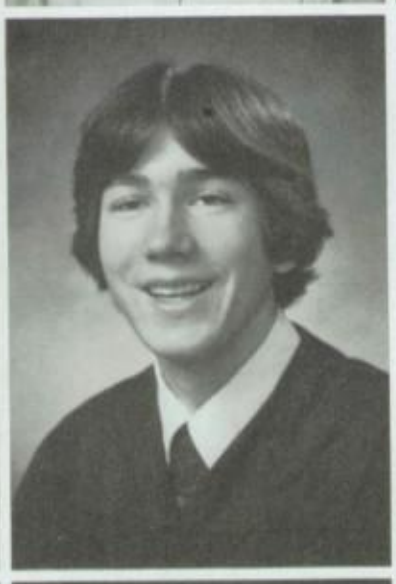

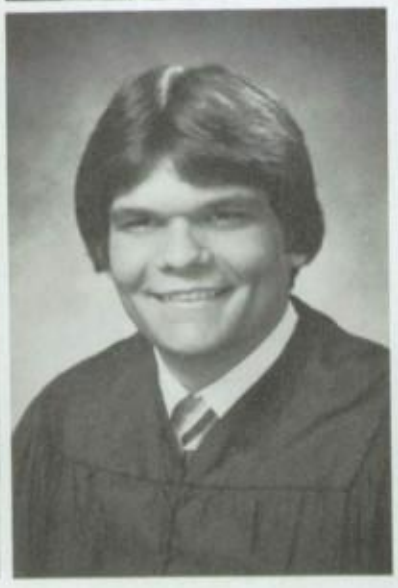

Sandi Lubeck
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Laure Bradford
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Irene Spani
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Robert Stamy
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Hall of Fame

Faithfully attending every class, carrying a bag of books everywhere, taking notes, and studying every night are some of the "secrets" that helped four members of the Class of '82 achieve perfect GPAs. But they were not alone in employing these techniques. While many students devoted their time to the social scene, extracurricular activities, and even family life, a few others studied conscientiously to achieve "straight As" for eight consecutive semesters.

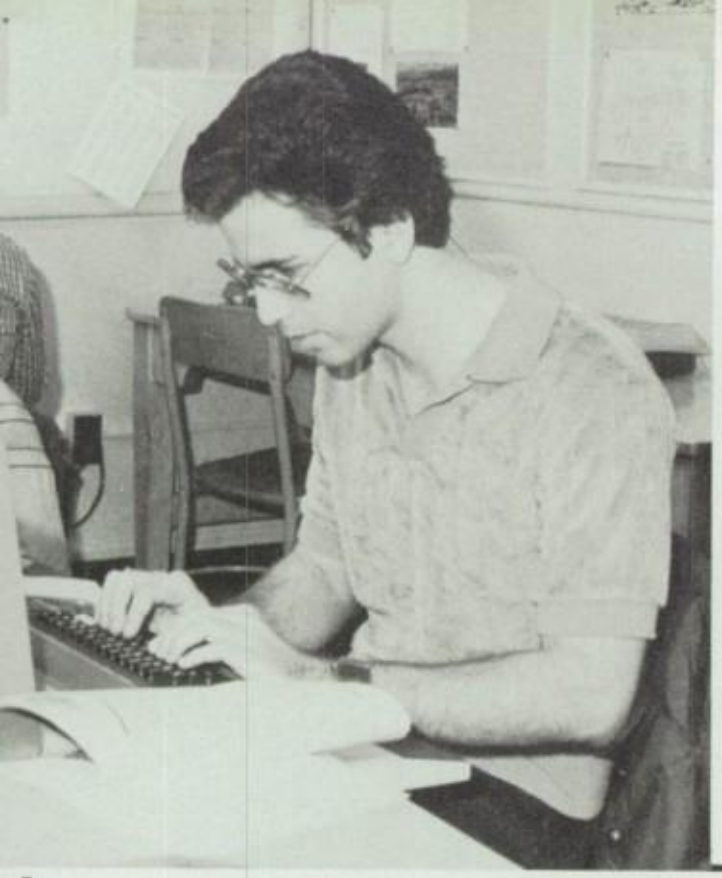
Devotion was the necessary ingredient in order to receive a position on the honor roll, and for a number of seniors who were busy applying for scholarships and college grants, it paid off; in a few cases, very handsomely. Each of those who applied for scholarships from the Elks Foundation received grants, ranging from $100 to $1000. Others who were ambitious or lucky enough won much-needed and well-deserved scholarships.

Knowing that furthering one's education is an important step in acquiring a top-rated job, most of the students in this elite group plan to continue their education in one way or another. They will head off to colleges and universities, or begin at the local institutions, Modesto Junior College and California State College, Stanislaus.

The fourteen top students not only exhausted themselves at school, but also with filling out scholarship applications, resumes and the Scholastic Aptitude Test (a four-hour series of multiple-choice questions).

While proving to themselves that they can achieve their goals, they also proved to the community that Panther Country provides a solid academic environment.

—Karen Fernandes



Patricia Vera
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Lorna Hennessee
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Eugenia Rodriquez
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Jeff Azevedo

One of four outstanding students of the Class of '82, Jeff Azevedo has not only been a 'straight A' student throughout high school but has received numerous honors and awards for achievement.

Within his four years of high school Jeff has been a member of eight clubs, earned 14 outstanding awards and has been recognized in many other areas. He routinely scheduled himself for 8 to 9 classes each semester throughout his four years, thereby acquiring an average of three to four hours of daily homework; yet in his senior year he also found time to begin attending classes at Modesto Junior College.

Computer engineering has recently become his major interest, and Jeff looks forward to attending Stanford University. He became interested in this subject as a future career through a computer math class at MHS, and has applied for eight scholarships to assist him in achieving his chosen educational objective.

Jeff has served on the Mathematics Council, was a Math Club member for four years, and was enrolled in the Math Superbowl every year; he won first and third places in individual events. He was top scorer on the MHS Mathematical Association of America exam, and received a Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Mathematics awarded by the California Mathematics Council. By invitation, Jeff attended the Central Valley Mathematical Quiz in 1980.

But Jeff has many other interests besides math. He served as Class Representative to Student Council during his sophomore and junior years, and has been a member of the MHS Marching Band all four years. In 1981 he accepted the role of drum major and was rewarded with first place in the Newman Competition. He received the outstanding band member award for three years, was president of Band Council in his senior year, and participated in Pep and Jazz Bands for three years.

Also involved in Spanish, Jeff received the Outstanding Student Award for two straight years. He was a member of the Science Club and was invited to the Junior Science and Humanities Symposium. He is a lifetime member of the California Scholarship Federation and was elected president in his senior year. The Exploratory Work Experience program likewise proved to be a success for Jeff, as he enrolled in five areas: radiation, oncology, radiology, nuclear medicine, and non-invasive cardiology. And in between school work, Jeff has worked as a gardener for a dairy since 1976.

Hobbies? Of course! Besides all the clubs, jobs, and academic responsibilities, Jeff enjoys chess, reading, and video games in his few relaxing moments.

—Karen Fernandes

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1 Jeff Azevedo programs the computer to review his studies.
2 Jeff tries out a new MHS Pet.
3 Patricia Vera, Jeff Azevedo and Robert Stamy await their turns for the Hall of Fame portraits.
4 Drum Major for the Marching Band, Jeff unpacks his trumpet for practice.
5 Miss Ila Westfall helps Jeff explore the functions of the computer.

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Archie Abid
Rosalinda Alfaro

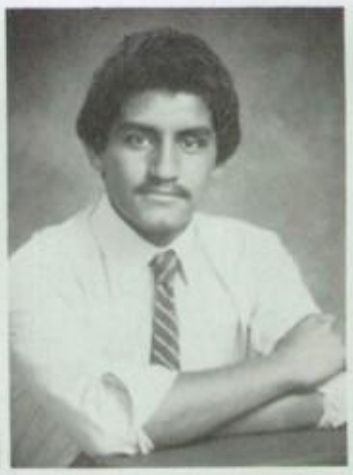
Pete Adams
Edith Alvarez

Sheila Aguirre
William Anglin

Elias Alberto
David Archer

Juan Alberto
Regina Avila

Dorsela Aldana
Shelly Avila



Sylvia Avina
Cheryl Babb
Mark Baker

Jeff Azevedo
Angela Baker
Doug Balmain

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Senior Story

The time was 7:45 and the first bell had just rung. The year was 1978, and entering Modesto High for the first time, members of the Class of '82 felt an insignificant part of Panther Life. Without knowing what lay before them (aside from the stories of older brothers and sisters), they boldly took their first steps into a new life; a life that would end on June 11, 1982, in the Mancini Bowl.

Typical freshmen, the Class of '82 observed, admired, and often imitated the upperclassmen. Caught up in the flurry of activity and enthusiasm of their elders, the soon found out that they too were a part of MHS. With the growth of these feelings came an increase in participation. Always eager to please, these freshmen assumed an active roll in the promotion of Panther Pride at MHS.

As sophomores, the organization which had seemed so promising began to fail, and the class was unable to continue the tradition of hosting a winter/spring dance. They began to look, instead, toward the Prom they were to sponsor as juniors.

In their second year as upperclassmen, the juniors kept busy, working hard on raising money for the Prom. Activities such as bake sales, raffles, and a springtime swim-a-thon kept the spirited class working hard throughout the year. In May, after many struggles, the Juniors of '81 were able to pay the traditional final tribute to the graduating seniors: the junior-senior prom, following the theme "The Best of Times."

Now, as "big bad seniors," many finally realized that it was all coming to an end. All those good times, all those bad times, the fun and the failures; all were rapidly drawing to a close.

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Susan Bauman

Bobby Bean

Lilly Beard

Pam Belcher

Doug Bentley
Cindy Boday

Raymond Bettencourt
Marjorie Boone

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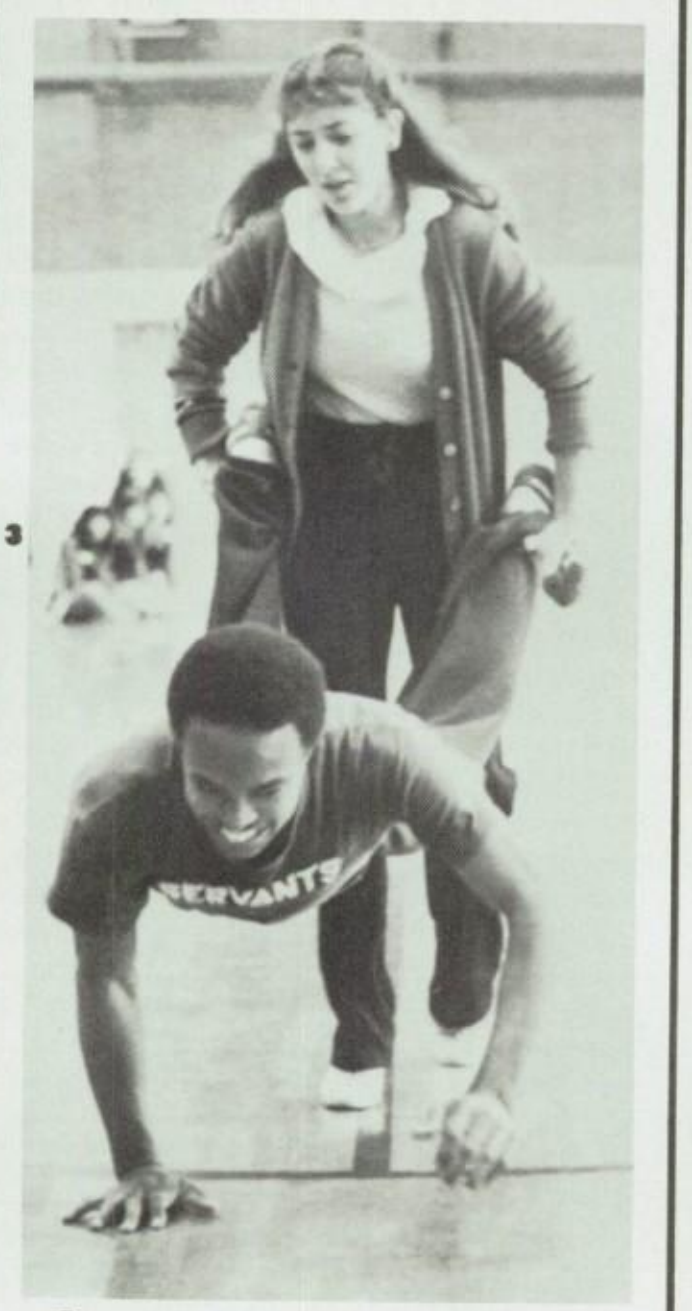

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1 Doug "Mr. Cool" Hudson shows off his shades and ripped-up T-shirt on Punk Rock Day.
2 Enjoying a quiet lunch in front of the school, Carla Gullat and Estele Ingram share the latest gossip.
3 Teresa Chavez guides her "wheelbarrow," Student Body President Tim Simmons, to victory in a Rally skit.
4 Jaime Johnson enjoys her food while Paul Klink and William McCarthy discuss which item they preferred most during a party in Masterpieces.
5 Yearbook photographer Julian Martinez checks to see that the pictures which other students have selected will fit correctly.

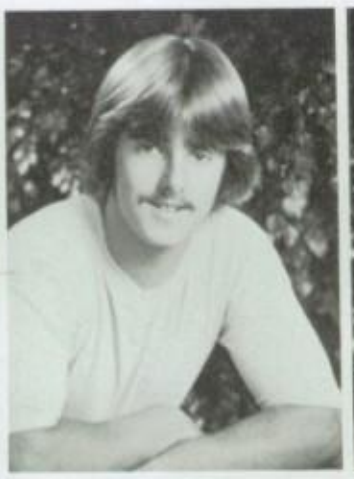
Cindy Borges
Theresa Brasil
Roy Bridges

Laure Bradford
Bill Breazeale
Kelli Brown

John Brughelli
Theresa Carreon

Sherrie Burrow
Verna Chalk

Bobby Caldwell



Jeff Cagle

Cindy Calton

Julie Campos

Francisco Chapa
Teresa Chavez
Lori Christiansen

Paul Charron
Robert Cheatham
Richard Cloud

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Senior Story

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"It's hard to believe that we're finally seniors," mused Shelly Avila wistfully. "Going to Modesto High has been a growing experience for me, and after I graduate I'm going to miss this school and all the friends I've made. But I'll have many fond memories of the four years that I attended MHS."

Maintaining their self-imposed standards of expert planning and hard work, as seniors the Class of '82 held bake sales and the annual Senior Dinner/Dance in order to raise money for the trip to Disneyland, the destination of the Senior Trip each spring since 1963.

Even though many seniors became involved in outside activities, such as jobs, hobbies, and other friends, most remained loyal to "good ol' Mo Hi." The bonds of friendship and loyalty formed during their four years of camaraderie were hard to break, and despite the fact that many had the option of early graduation, most chose rather to remain and graduate with their classmates in June.

As their final year approached its end, the seniors discovered that their attitudes toward life in general had matured, and they found themselves better prepared to deal with the problems of life.

Throughout their four years at MHS, the Class of '82 proved to be a major asset to Panther Country. They were leaders in spirit and participation, and provided an example for the underclassmen to follow.

As they leave Modesto High for the last time, they take with them lasting memories of tradition, tears, laughter, heartache, victory and defeat, all shared with friends and classmates. —Cindy Borges

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Kris Cole

Manuel Colon

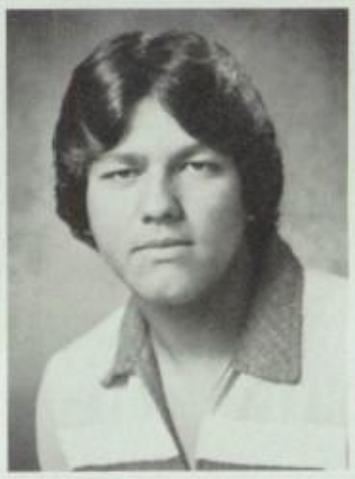
Maria Contreras

Carol Copenhaver
Karol Corgiat

Cheryl Copenhaver
Filbert Coronado

Karen Corgiat
Ron Corrales

1 Held captive by Adam Perez, beauty queen Susan Haggard struggles to escape his embrace on Crazy Day.
2 Steve Hawkins, Robin Hayes and David Wend let their eyes wander away from the subject during a Proficiency Test.
3 Many members of the Senior Class join in cheering at the Sonora Rally.
4 Sari Kasanen, Birgit Patzer and Jessica King enjoy each other's company during the nutrition break.



Brian Cousins
Martin Dieu
Lisa Duke

Shawna Crane
Rosemarie Di Napoli
Kelly Duran

Carmela De Simone
Marilyn Driver
Susan Echols-Morris

Todd Ellis
Robert Flores

Dennis England
Tony Franco

Esteban Escamilla

Karen Fernandes

Juan Fernandez

Martha Fernandez

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Jessica King

Ever since she was 10 years old, when she bought her first set on a vacation to San Francisco, Jessica King has been collecting wind chimes. Today she has nearly 40 sets, receiving many of them as gifts for Christmases or birthdays.

Most people have had wind chimes around the home at one time or another, but they usually don't realize that not all sets are the same. Jessica's chimes are made from many different materials and in many different shapes. She has chimes made of iron, cowbells and horseshoes, silverware, brass, lathe turnings, glass, camel bells, ceramics and pipes. They have been crafted into many shapes, from owls to trains, seahorses, dolphins and fish, to Santa Claus and birds.

Items of her collection have come from places such as Texas (acquired during a Six Flags band competition), Nevada, and Los Angeles, and as far as the Middle East. She tries to get a new one every time she takes a trip.

At home, Jessica usually hangs her chimes on a circular plant stand. She originally had them hanging from the ceiling, but took them down to paint her room. She once entered her collection in the Turlock Fair, but one of them was stolen, and she hasn't entered them anywhere since.

Though Jessica doesn't have a favorite, or one that is especially valuable, she does have one that's unique in all the world. It is made of pipes and iron, and was constructed especially for her by a metal worker.

—Jeremy Shuman

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Kristina Gali
Monica Gama
Concepcion Garcia

Joe Gallardo
Stephanie Garber
Juan Garcia

Noemi Garcia

Rick Garcia

Esther Garibay

Stephanie Garner

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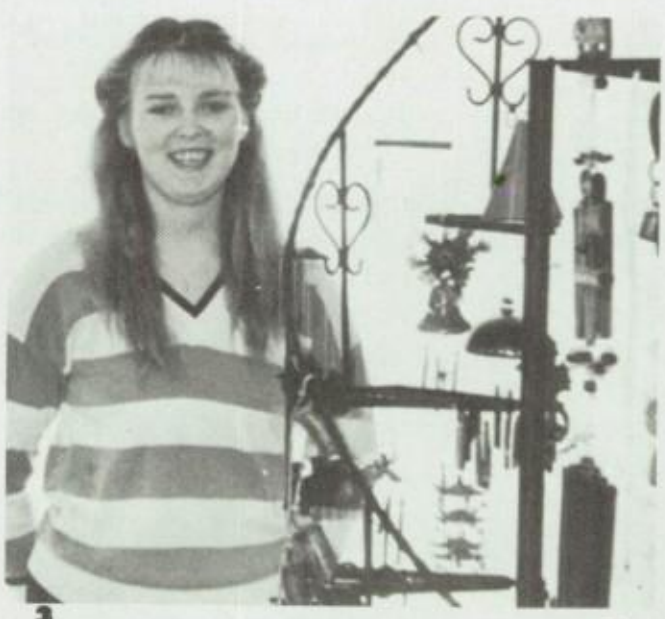
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1 Senior Jessica King spends her free time collecting wind chimes.
2 Jessica proudly displays one of her favorite wind chimes, the Pisces.
3 Jessica keeps her chimes neatly displayed on a trellis in her room.
4 Jessica finds her bird wind chime one of the most interesting of them all.
5 Those chimes not on display are carefully wrapped and packed away.

avid Gonzales | Ramona Goodloe | Jeff Grigsby | Carla Gullatt | Bill Gunter | Susan Haggard

Tina Hammond
Ed Henriques

Carie Hampton

Michele Hardy

Steve Hawkins

Robin Hayes

Lorna Hennesse

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Rick Saso

Ever wonder what life is like behind a meat counter cutting and selling beef? Budget Meat Market has been serving the west Modesto area for over nine years, and that is where Rick Saso has been working as an apprentice butcher since the fall of 1980.

When Rick applied for the job he had to prove he could cut meat. Bill Robinson, the owner/manager, who with his sons Jim and Robby keep the store running, approved his style, and began training Rick how one cut of meat is cut differently from another. He required that Rick cut and sell with perfection, but since he and his sons are easy to get along with, Rick was trained as if he were one of the sons.

Rick now works weekends and afternoons whenever needed. His hours are irregular since money is tight at Budget Meat just like everywhere else. He is paid $4.25 an hour, which, he says, "is good money if you like to work with cold meat." What he means is that he doesn't plan to spend the rest of his life as a butcher.

On the job Rick cuts and sells all kinds of beef. The meat saw and band saw, a special, precise, very sharp saw, are used in quartering, making ribs, and cutting down legs. Some of the cuts are steak, country style, stew meat, hamburger, T-bone, roast and ribs. He also makes sausage out of beef.

In displaying the meat Rick wraps his hand with wax paper for cleanliness. He also helps to clean the entire meat cutting area to keep the sanitation level up. Rick cautions that it takes quite a while to become a good butcher, "but you'd better like it or else you'll get bored in the process."

In the future, Rick, who is now also helping his uncle part-time in a farming operation, would like to be a hunting scout. He loves the out of doors so he will probably study forestry to achieve his goal.

—Debbie Bowling

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Ron Henry
Shawn Henry
Susan Hernandez

Joe Hernandez

Ken Hobbson

Nita House

Chuck Houser

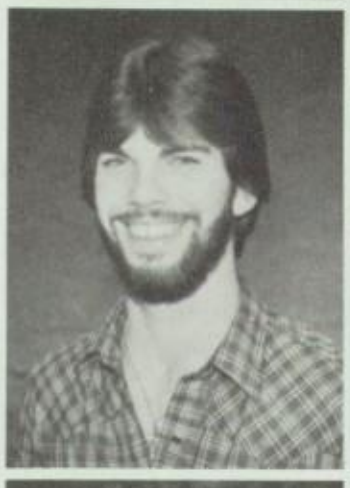
Melanie Howard

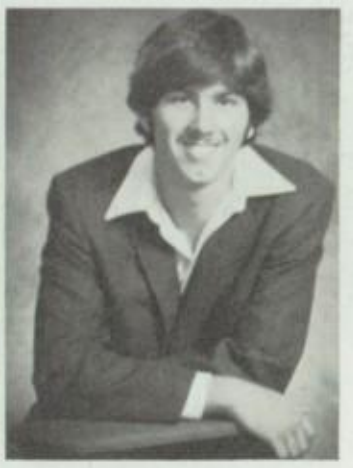
John Hoy

Doug Hudson
Richard Jackson

Mike Ibarra
Frances Jensen

Estelle Ingram
Ray Jimenez

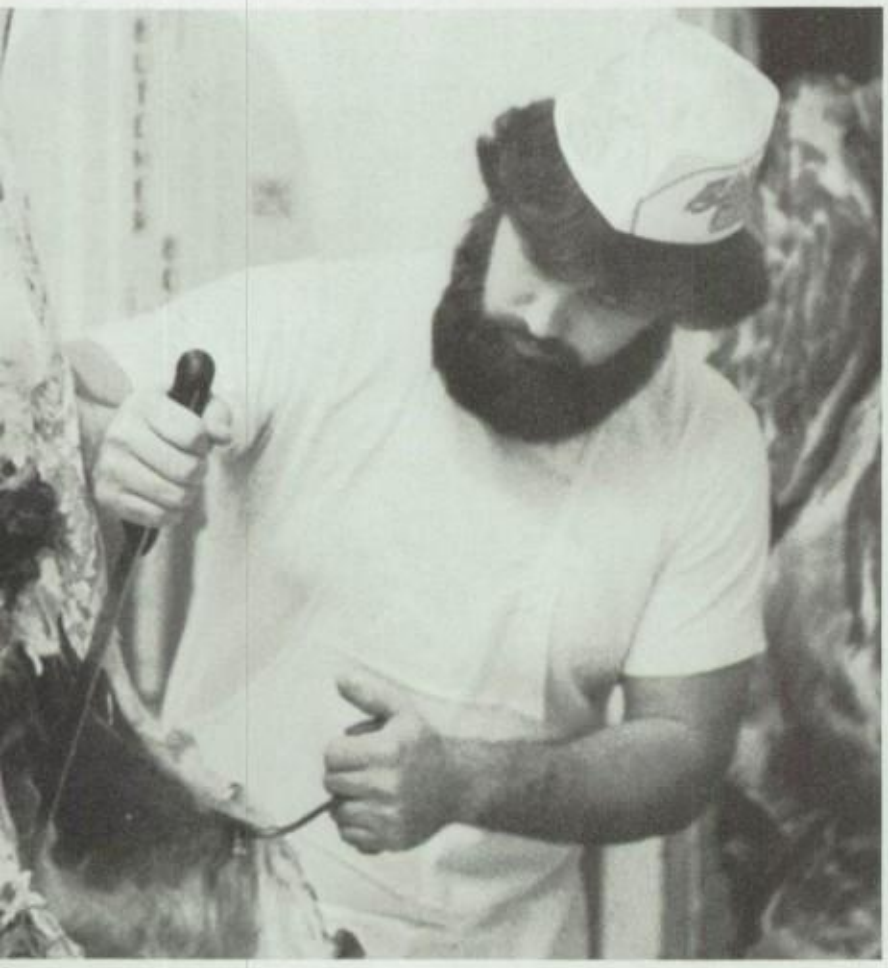




Joel Johns
Jaime Johnson
Diann Keeton

Carmen Johnson
Sheri Johnson
Richard Kelly

Coleman Johnson
Sari Kasanen
John Kinch



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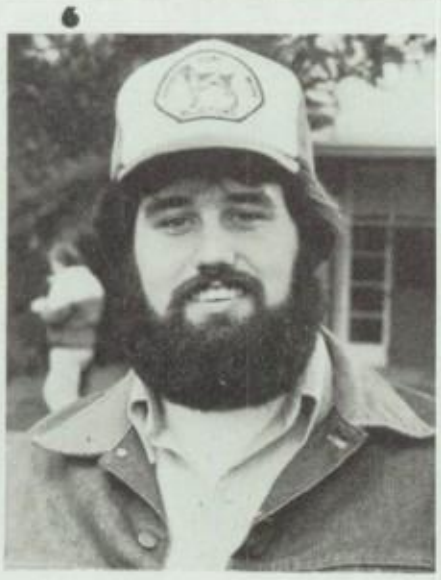

1 Rick Saso de-bones a side of beef.
2 Hand wrapped in waxed paper, Rick places cuts in the display counter.
3 Hook in one hand, knife in the other, Rick begins cutting up the beef.
4 Rick guides a quarter of beef into the band saw.
5 Rick carefully places a cut on the scales.
6 At school, Rick dresses as an outdoorsman.

Jessica King
Charles Lindsay

Paul Klink
Dan Long

Debbie Langerman

Billie Lee

Chris Lehikainen

Tom Lima

1 Modesto High's three drama students, Gary Ranuio, Becky Petty and Darren Ruskamp, talk about their involvement in the performing arts.
2 Gary Ranuio and Becky Petty portray townspeople in the play **Tom Sawyer.**
3 Becky Petty, playing Belle, ignores Gary Ranuio, playing her husband Dick, in **A Christmas Carol.**
4 Darren Ruskamp poses in a costume from a recent play, **Tom Sawyer.**

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Cynthia Lopez
Rudy Lopez
Ponciano Madrigal

Martha Lopez
Sandy Lubeck
Craig Mandall

De De Mark

Keith Mark

Jorge Martinez

Julian Martinez

Louis Martinez | Maria Martinez | William McCarthy | Mike McGrath | Stephanie McGrath | Andy Medeiros

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Drama

People often dream of becoming stars, but they very rarely do anything to make this dream come true. Three young people who **are** doing something attend school here at MHS.

Senior Gary Ranuio has been interested in drama since his freshman year. He has been involved in ten plays put on by the Modesto Performing Arts Association, but has only acted in six of them.

Although Gary enjoys acting, he would rather design costumes. He is interested in designing women's clothing, with an acting career a second choice. Gary also thinks that theater work makes people grow up faster and makes them more aware of actual life situations. Before moving to New York in pursuit of fashion designing, Gary would enjoy being in a show on Broadway.

Junior Becky Petty has always been interested in drama but only started acting four years ago. About a year and a half ago, Becky took an opening in an MPAA show, and has been with the theater since then. Last year she was fortunate enough to be an extra in a movie. Becky enjoys acting because "it's good experience, you gain knowledge, and you're helping entertain the public as well as having fun." During Christmas vacation last year, Becky went to New York and was able to see five Broadway plays. Her goal is to eventually move to New York and act on Broadway.

Ever since fourth grade, sophomore Darren Ruskamp has been interested in drama, though he didn't do anything about it until eighth grade, when he joined the MPAA; he had a leading role in **Oliver**, and was in **Tom Sawyer**. After high school, Darren hopes to become a professional actor. He said, "I like the theater because I learn how to act in front of people. I have a lot of fun and meet a lot of friends." —Sandi Grover

enny Medrano | Rena Meeks | Richard Merryman | Jeff Mora | Maria Morales | Cindy Morgan

Melanie Morrow
Michael Norleen

Martha Nayares
Bernadine Nunes

Lee Ann Neighbors

Kevin Nelson

Ricky Nelson

Doug Nevitt

Philip Osborne
Melissa Palmer
Magdalena Peral

Hugo Ortiz
Birgit Patzer
Adam Perez

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Foreign Exchange Students

Have you ever wondered what it would be like going to a different school, meeting new people, and being thousands of miles away from home? Modesto High played host to five students from foreign countries this year: Juan Fernandez from Spain, Birgit Patzer from Germany, Sari Kasanen from Finland, Lorenzo Pellati from Italy, and Kathy Bethune from Australia. Each of them made many friends while here at MHS. They have seen the differences in our lifestyles compared to that of their own countries, and have experienced the many traditions we have. It is very interesting talking and being friends with a foreign exchange student. Juan Fernandez stated, "I like MHS and the people here. I thought it would be hard to adapt to your society, but it is very much like mine." Both Juan and Birgit expressed a desire to return to the USA soon, perhaps for college.

Two MHS students visited foreign countries as AFS students last year, returning this spring for the final quarter. Martin Dieu traveled to Japan, and Ann Pollock journeyed to Argentina. Ann returned home at the end of January, and Martin came home on March 11. Each of them was full of enthusiasm for the many experiences they will remember for the rest of their lives.

Martin said, "It has changed my outlook on life; I realize that all people are the same, even though they have grown up learning in a different culture." One question that Martin has often been asked (in addition to speaking in Japanese) is: Are all the people over there really short? "Actually, they are shorter, but the average high school student is just about the same height as ours," he replies. Their shortness was accentuated for the 6'4" "Mountain" Dieu, who, naturally, played on his school's basketball team. His final words about his trip were an enthusiastic

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—Juliet Costa

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fren Perez
Glenn Potts

Patti Peterson
Robin Potts

Harvey Pimentel
Robert Prather

Richard Pogue
Laura Prieto

Ann Pollock
Alan Purtle

Don Porcella
Gus Quattrin

an Fernandez checks the setting on the camera as he rks at his new-found hobby, taking pictures.
ari Kasanen studies her fourth year of French.
Returning from Japan, Martin Dieu enjoys reading lish and wearing his California sweatshirt.
irgit Patzer concentrates on her watercolor project.
ustralian Kathy Bethune strengthens her typing skills.

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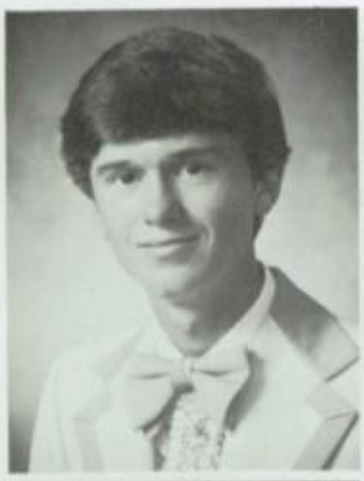
Alfred Quintero
Veronica Ramirez
Kari Reed

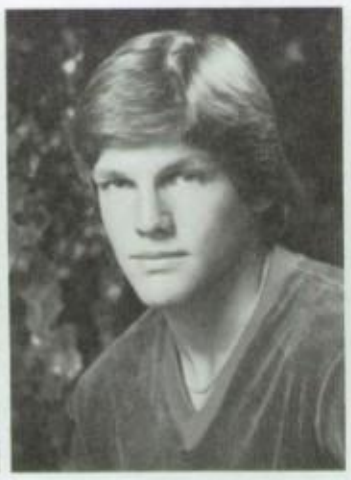
Randy Ragar
Gary Ranuio
Jeff Ribiero

Mike Ricklick
Eugenia Rodriguez



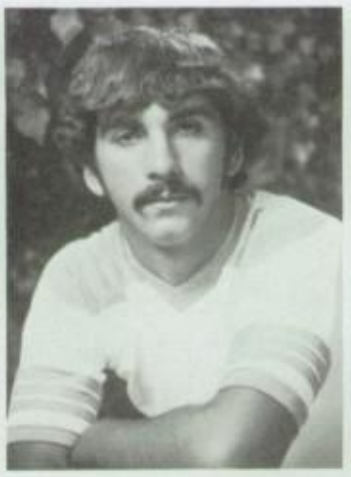
Renee Riebe

Greg Risdon



Lupe Rivera

Marty Roberts



Eddie Rodriguez

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Floyd Rogers

Though nearly everyone has read comic books early in his life, few people remain interested past junior high. Floyd Rogers, however, has an interest that has survived, even fourished, through the years. He currently has a collection of over 1,200 comic books.

Floyd's hobby began when he was four or five years old. His mother gave him a Justice League of America comic, and his interest began. Since that time, his collection has grown to include Fantastic Four, Superman, Action Comics, Marvel Two-In-One, World's Finest, D.C. Presents, the X-Men, the Superman Family, Adventure, the Avengers, What If . . ., Warlord, The Brave and the Bold, Odds, Superboy, Special Editions, Mini-Series, The New Teen Titans, The All Star Squadron, Captain Carrot and His Amazing Zoo Crew, The Best of D.C., B.C. Special, D.C. Special Series, Superteen Family, The Defenders, and Firestorm.

Someday, Floyd hopes his collection will be worth quite a bit, and fill his room from wall to wall. He has numerous first issues, but most are from the newer series. The longer-running series can often have as many as 145 editions or more. His favorite subject in collecting is superheroes, although he doesn't have a favorite series or a favorite issue.

When taking inventory, or pricing his collection, Floyd sits down on the floor with his price catalogue and goes through the comics one by one. When he is merely counting, it can take him up to an hour. A complete inventory can occupy a full day.

To finance his collection, Floyd devotes his weekends to cutting firewood. When he feels he has enough money to go on another buying spree, he makes a trip to Bonanza Books or another comic store, because, as he says, "They always have **something** I want."

—Debbie Bowling

Ruben Rodriguez
Ivan Rojas
Christine Rubio

Hortencia Sandoval

Martha Sandoval

Rick Saso

Kathy Satterwhite

David Searl

Peggy Segarini

Pam Short

Ellen Shorter

Lisa Simental

Tim Simmons

Maureen Simpson
Randy Sligar

1 Floyd Rogers looks through his price catalogue to check the current value of one of his first editions.
2 The collection of over 1,200 items overflows onto the floor, but he keeps them neatly organized.
3 Next door neighbor Florian Gillum returns a borrowed book to Floyd.
4 Floyd shows off two of his newest acquisitions.
5 A few of the wide range of comic books which make up Floyd's collection are displayed.

iffany Smith

Kerry Snyder

Natalie Soto

Irene Spani

Kevin Stambaugh

Beverly Smith
Eric Smith
Robert Stamy

Karen Steen
Scott Tomlin

George Stinnett
Jacqueline Trujillo

Lori Strohm

Darla Sydney

Carolyn Teixeira

Rosie Tellez

1 Four sets of twins gathered for a "group picture" include **front row:** Amelia and Noelia Perez, Luz and Refugio Riveria, and **back row:** Chris and Holly Beaty, and Karen and Karol Corgiat.

2 Non-look-alike fraternal twins William and James Sisk work to complete an assignment in Mr. Tyron Farley's room.

3 One of five sets of senior twins, Carol Copenhaver earns credits by lending a helping hand in the counseling office.

4 Elias and Juan Alberto work on their individual projects in first period wood.

Laura (Lolly) Tuggle
Hilda Vallejo
Pauline Veldhuizen

Aracelia Valdez
Rosie Vasquez
Ralph Velasquez

Doug Venturini

Cirilo Vera

Elias Vera

Lupe Vera

Patricia Vera

Laurie Walker

Mel Walker

Robin Walker

Tanya Welch

Yvette White
David Wend

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Seeing Double

Throughout Panther Country, double-takes were frequent in classroom and courtyard alike, for MHS was the home of 10 sets of twins. They enjoyed sharing not only the same lifestyles and birthdays, but also the pride of attending Modesto High. Half of them were seniors.

There are two types of twins, fraternal and identical. Identical twins originate from a single fertilized egg, and are as alike as possible in every respect. Seven of the ten sets of twins were fraternal, having originated from separate eggs.

Carol and Cheryl Copenhaver were born December 9 in San Pablo, but have attended MHS all four years, taking numerous business courses. Carol, the first-born, decided to graduate mid-term, but Cheryl chose to remain until June.

Doug and Kevin Clinkenbeard were born to a family of 13 on February 24. At age 14, these are the youngest MHS twins.

Refugio and Luz Rivera were born in Mexico on November 16. As sophomores, they plan to take bookkeeping courses in pursuit of similar careers.

Amelia and Noelia Perez, born July 25, were often seen together on campus, including the switchboard; they hope to make a successful career of fashion merchandising.

Other fraternal twins included Thomas and Hazel Null, whose double birth was unexpected when they were born on August 7 in Fresno, James and William Sisk, born July 9 in Texas, and Elias and Juan Alberto, born June 29.

MHS was also home to three sets of identical twins. Chris and Holly Beaty were born on Christmas Day in 1967, which is where they got their names. These blond-haired, blue-eyed sisters shared four classes, more than any of the others.

April Fools Day was no joke in 1963 for the mother of Albert and Robert Gil. The boys, born in Texas, have seven sisters and three brothers. They even share a car for school transportation.

Karen and Carol Corgiat were born in Modesto on March 21. They are the middle children of the family, sharing a room at home. When holidays roll around, gifts are often seen in double.

All twenty twins at MHS have some things in common, due to their double births. For example, all five sets of seniors have attended MHS all four years, and none of their mothers were expecting twins before they were born. All of them report frequent comments and questions about their look-alike partner.

—Karen Fernandes

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Luvenia Williams
Tim Williams
Eric Ziegler

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Who's Who

To be acknowledged as a superior student is indeed an honor. To be selected as representing the tops in a specific area of study is an even more impressive award. Those students who have consistently shown drive, determination, and natural ability throughout their high school years have thus been acknowledged by their peers and recognized by their instructors as outstanding in their respective fields of study.

The seniors pictured on these pages are those who have been selected by the faculty as the outstanding students in their departments. These areas include the academic studies, but also reach out to encompass such subjects as industrial ed, ag, home ec, art, music and physical education. Many of the students so recognized will go on to pursue careers in those fields.

Faculty members generally agreed that making the selections for this elite group of achievers was a tough job. In most departments, the original list of nominations contained at least six or eight names. For the most part, one boy and one girl were chosen, although as few as one person and as many as four people were selected in a few cases.

"Department Outstandings" are highly admired for their drive and willingness to work. Unlike many students, these seniors have devoted much of their time and energy to completing assignments and participating in activities related to their specific fields of interest. Encouraging their peers to take advantage of similar opportunities available to them, they represent the standard of excellence to which underclassmen may hope to aspire in future years, and for which they were chosen to the **1982 Sycamore Who's Who.**

—Dalinda Angelo

WHO'S WHO • AGRICULTURE • ART • BUSINESS • DRAMA • ENGLISH

▲ **Art**
Efren Perez Kelly Duran

Business ►
Lorna Hennessee
Carie Hampton

◄ Journalism
Robert Stamy, Joe Gallardo
Tom Lima, Jaime Johnson

Mathematics ▼
Juan Fernandez, Pauline Veldhuizen, Jeff Azevedo

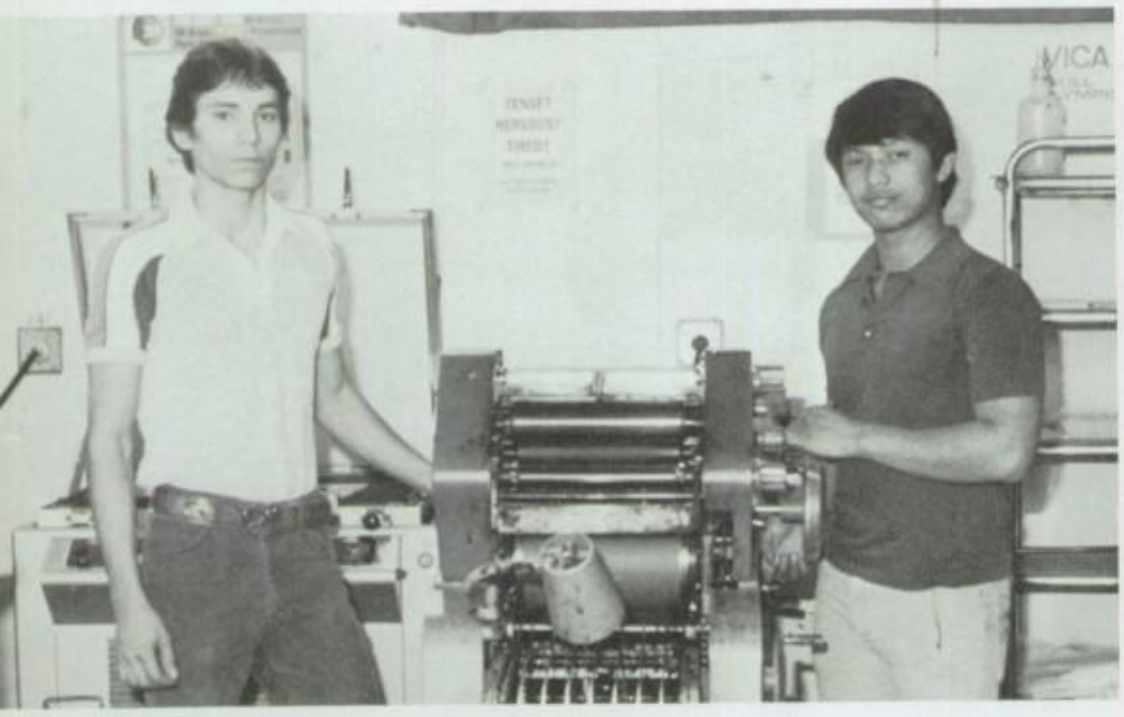
FOREIGN LANGUAGE • HOME ECONOMICS • INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION •

◄ Agriculture Robert Stamy

◄ Home Economics
Paul Klink
Cynthia Lopez

English ▲
Doug Hudson
Stephanie Garber

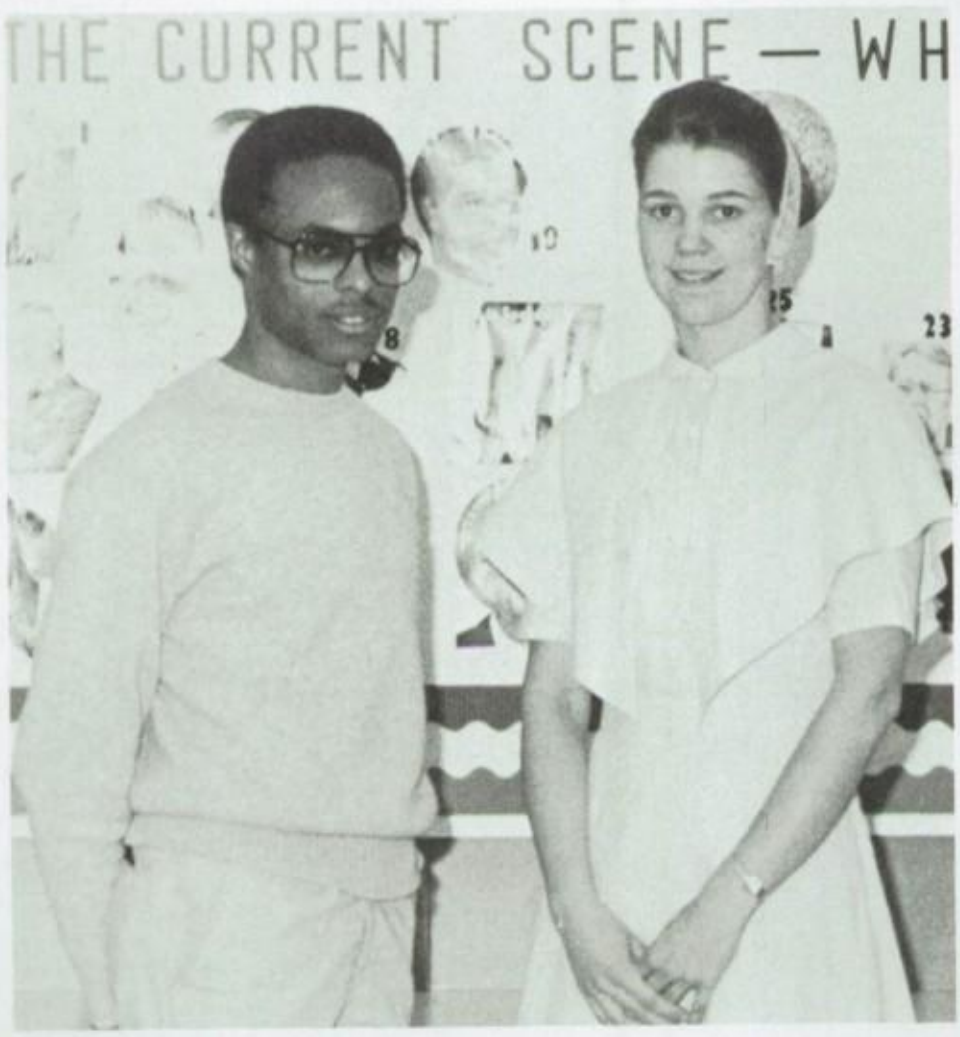
▼ Industrial Education
Efren Perez
Ronald Corrales



Science ►
Pauline Veldhuizen
Francisco Chapa

• JOURNALISM • MATHEMATICS • MUSIC • PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Angela Baker **Vocal Music ►**

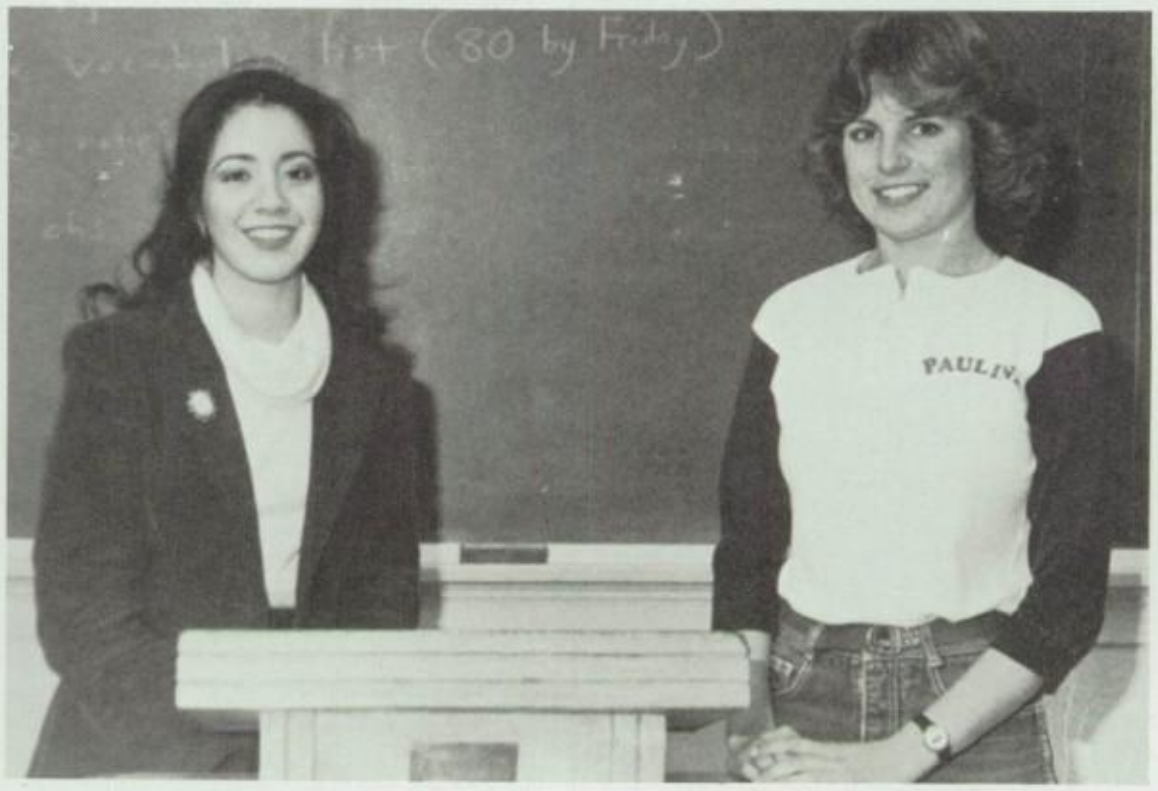


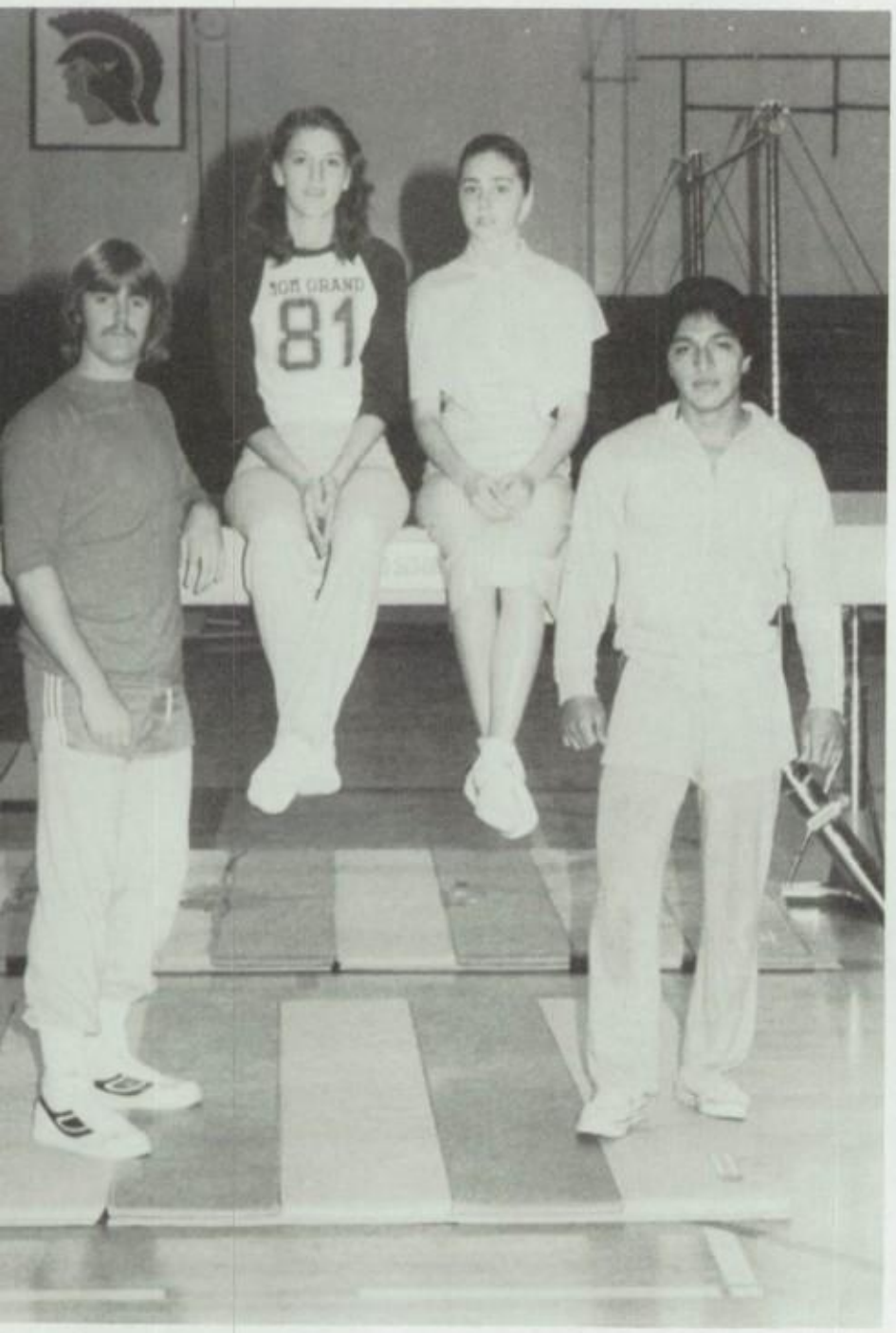
▲ Social Science
Tim Simmons
Marjorie Boone

Instrumental Music ►
Jeff Azevedo
Pam Short

◄ Drama
Gary Ranuio

Speech ▼
Maria Contreras, Pauline Veldhuizen





◄ Physical Education
Bobby Cadwell
Sandy Lubeck
Susan Bauman
Joe Lozada

Foreign Language ▲
Patricia Vera
Birgit Patzer
Irene Spani

David Absher
Ana Arrizon

Scott Adkins
Alma Astorga

Jessie Aguilar
Maria Avalos

Denise Aguirre
Nina Avila

Maribel Alberto
Janet Ball

Mario Alcala
Greg Barnes

Dalinda Angelo
Hector Barraza

Angie Arebalo
Oscar Bland

Yvonne Armstr
Tim Blueford

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Class of '83

Advised by English teachers Jim Autry and Jim Kenyon, Junior Class advisors for 18 consecutive years, the Class of '83 strove toward a respectable year, even though suffering severely from the general lack of participation on campus.

Organizing lunch-hour class meetings once a month, Junior Class officers helped their classmates begin planning for another memorable Prom. But attendance at these sessions averaged only five or six people, so it fell to a few students to handle most of the preparations and arrangements for fundraisers and activities to get not only juniors but also other classes involved.

A pair of October bake sales were held in the community which raised almost $200. Juniors raffled a gingerbread house at Christmas time and planned carwashes and a Swim-a-thon for the warmer months. Hoping to encourage some enthusiastic support, creative new projects were "dreamed up" to attract attention to the needs of the Junior Class. A "dog wash" and Rent-a-Junior projects were set for early March in an effort to adequately fund the 1982 Prom. The juniors looked to the community for donations of flowers and cake. The Holiday Inn was chosen for the glamorous occasion which was held in mid-May amid decorations of brown, apricot and cream.

Despite the apathy prevalent throughout the campus, and the few people willing to dedicate themselves to class projects, the Class of '83 was able to promote a successful Junior-Senior Prom. The class officers, and others who participated, found out that a challenge which had to be achieved wasn't the easiest goal to accomplish. They realized that an early start and dedicated involvement played a big role in their success.

—Karen Fernandes

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Val Butler

Melvin Borja
Guy Caldwell

Debbie Bowling
Jess Cardoza

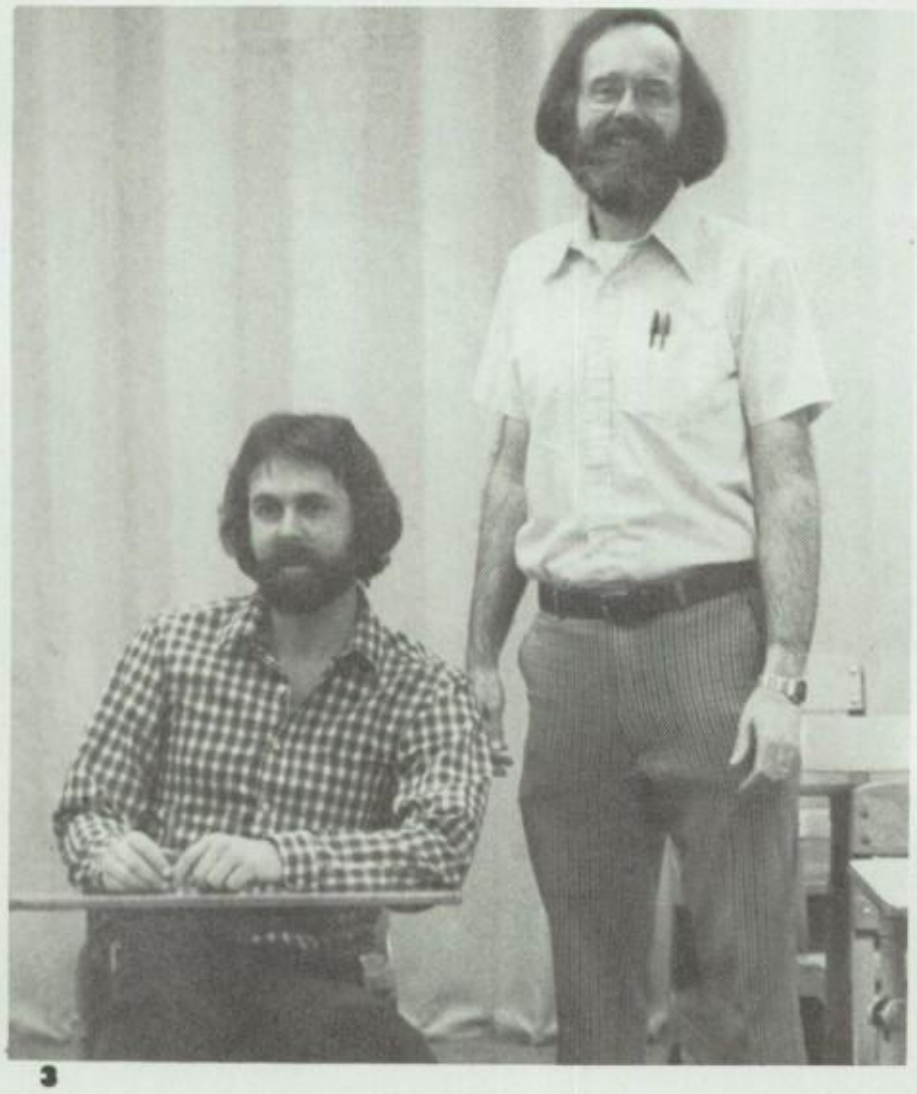
Randy Bowman
Charles Care

Rick Boyd
Lucy Carillo

Victorina Brambila
Jessie Castaneda
Marcella Chaves
Sandra Chrisco

Christy Bridges
Tim Caudle
Raymond Chavez
Gary Coonce

Bryan Brooks
Debra Charron
Silvia Chavez
Arney Corbin



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1 John Halford concentrates on counting the number of words completed as Doug Bentley writes for the Journalism Write-A-Thon.
2 During a Rally, juniors Val Butler, Phyllis Mercer, Dalinda Angelo and Leanda Gunter show their enthusiasm as Jovita Madrigal, Carmen Ramirez, Maria Dominguez and others join them in cheering for the Class of '83.
3 Junior Class Advisors Jim Autry and Jim Kenyon enjoy their students' enthusiasm.
4 Junior Class officers, treasurer, Pam McClure, **secretary,** Kim Haarberg, **vice president,** Robert Escobar, **president,** Beth Moore, **representative,** Joanne Potts.
5 During a frequent class meeting, Sheryl Hardenbrook, Jerry Dias, Leanda Gunter, Maureen Simpson, Jason Kanar, Doreen Jenkins, Debbie Bowling and Tom Miller discuss fundraisers for the Prom.

Rodney Corgiat
Albert Crocker
Michael Davis
Debbie Denlinger

Karen Costa
Sherie Cuevas
Carmella De Simone
Jerry Dias

Ronnie Creekmore
John Davies
Richard Dedrick
Joe Dias

Reina Dias
Randy Dill
Brenda Dodd
Laura Dunnihoo
Lisa Dickson
Kenny Dillen
Maria Dominguez
Sandra Dyer

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Jeff Creighton

Along with the routine kinds of school activities, many students continue their own personal hobbies which they have started years earlier. MHS junior Jeff Creighton began devoting his free time to the Burbank-Paradise fire Department two years ago. It was a friend of his that encouraged him to take up this hobby. "I like volunteering because it makes me feel good doing something for someone else," stated Jeff.

He is a 'stand-by' for the fire station, which means he watches the station while the fire trucks are out on an emergency call. He also cleans the fire hoses, and helps the firemen when they need it. In addition, he helps out at the banquets and bingo games that the fire department promotes as fund-raisers. One of the things he is **not** permitted to do is to help the firemen fight fires.

A device called an electron is placed in each fireman's home. When the station receives a call saying there is a fire, the electron sets off an alarm. When Jeff hears this alarm he is supposed to stop whatever he is doing and head for the fire station. The apparrel he wears consists of pants, rubber boots, a fire jacket, and a helmet.

The purpose of this volunteer program is to train and educate students who wish to be volunteer firemen. There are no prerequisite skills required, and girls are accepted as volunteers also. In fact, there is already one girl who works with Jeff, along with four other young men.

Does he plan to be a fireman 'when he grows up'? Although he enjoys his work, and the excitement of helping to fight fires, Jeff insists the he is uncertain what career he would like to pursue in the future. —Juliet Costa

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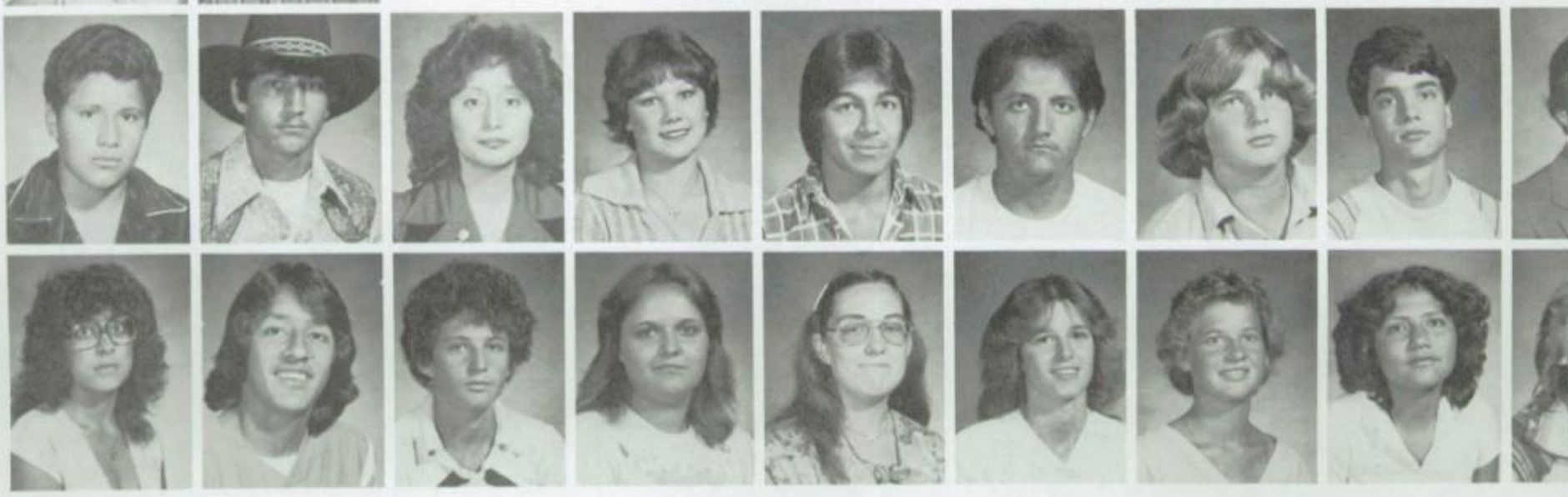
1 During a fire drill, Jeff Creighton watches captain Milton Norton's procedure in preparing to leave for the fire.
2 One of Jeff's jobs is making sure the first aide kit is in order.
3 After an emergency run, Jeff secures the pumper to be ready for the next call.
4 While at the fire house, Jeff must get equipment ready to roll for the next battle against flames.
5 Making sure the gauges are prope functioning is important.
6 Jeff carefully uncoils the fire hose hook it to a hydrant.
7 When he is allowed to accompany firemen to a fire, Jeff will ride on back of the truck.



Lloyd Edmonds
Tammy Enney
Eli Espino
Margaret Gomez
Kim Ellis
Robert Escobar
Arron Field
Andy Gonzales
Alma Figueroa
Doug Grace
Kelley Freeman
Juanita Green
Mark Gacayan
Shirley Grogan
Jesus Garibay
Diane Grove
Brian Gayle
Sandi Grover
Darin Gharat
Lucia Guerrero
Florian Gillun
Leanda Gunte

Joe Gutierrez
Sheryl Hardenbrook
Allen Hasley
Carlotta Hernandez
Kim Haarberg
Sergio Harrison
Philip Henry
Miguel Hernandez

wn Hudson

Aaron Jefferson

Doreen Jenkins

Kim Johnson

Debbie Keeton

Minnie King

Malinda Kregoski

Teresa Hernandez
Jackie Hill
Jess Holmes
Judith Lake

Edwin Hiatt
Craig Holley
Rhonda Howser
Barbara Lamance

Jennifer Laran
Harrison Lee
Crystal Lindsay
Anita Lopez
Anthony Lee
Kim Lee
Joe Lomeli
Francisco Lopez

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Tony Louis

"The sport of rodeo is recognized as an American pastime, but it soon will be even more popular as an exciting, controlled sport," remarked Tony Louis as he talked about his favorite activity.

Tony was introduced to horses at the early age of four, and one year later he got his first pony. By the time he was twelve years old, after much practice and encouragement, he began roping. Not until two years later, however, did he become really serious about rodeo riding.

Today, Tony is very much involved in rodeo. From November until June most of his time is occupied by High School Rodeo. then, from July through September, he participates in Junior Rodeo Competition. Although Tony's only event is team roping, with his partner Dave Orique, he spends many after-school hours practicing for the two or three monthly rodeos.

In competition, the winners are determined by a point scale: first, 10 points; second, 8 points; third, 6 points; fourth and below, 4 points. The person or team with the highest total at the end of the event is the winner.

Tony and Dave, currently ranked at third place in their event, hope to be one of three teams going to Cow Palace for competition. The top five from Cow Palace continue on to state finals, and then on to nationals.

In order to stay at the top of the charts, he must keep his horse, Brandy, in top shape. This involves many hours of practice riding at make-believe steers.

Like his hero, Leo Camarillo, Tony hopes to go pro someday, and ride bareback. One event he has tried but never will again is bull riding, partly because his parents are concerned about the danger involved.

For both Tony and Dave, rodeos aren't something that takes place on Saturdays, they are year-round jobs. Tony looks for the sport to gain popularity, as well as greater participation in the near future. —Chris Mihelis

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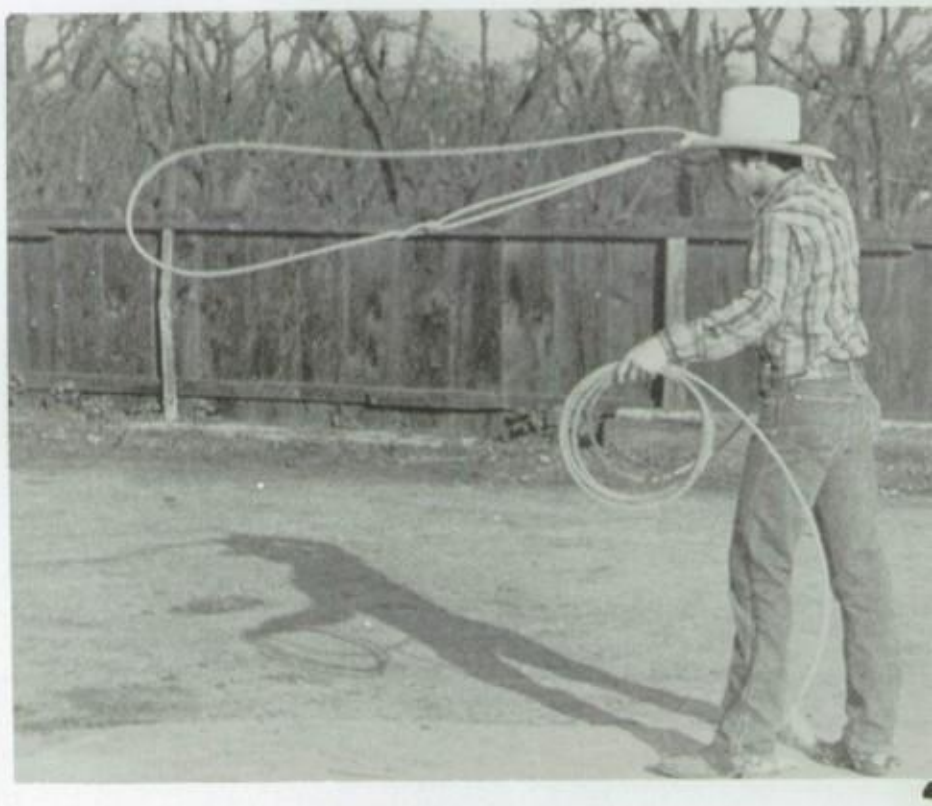
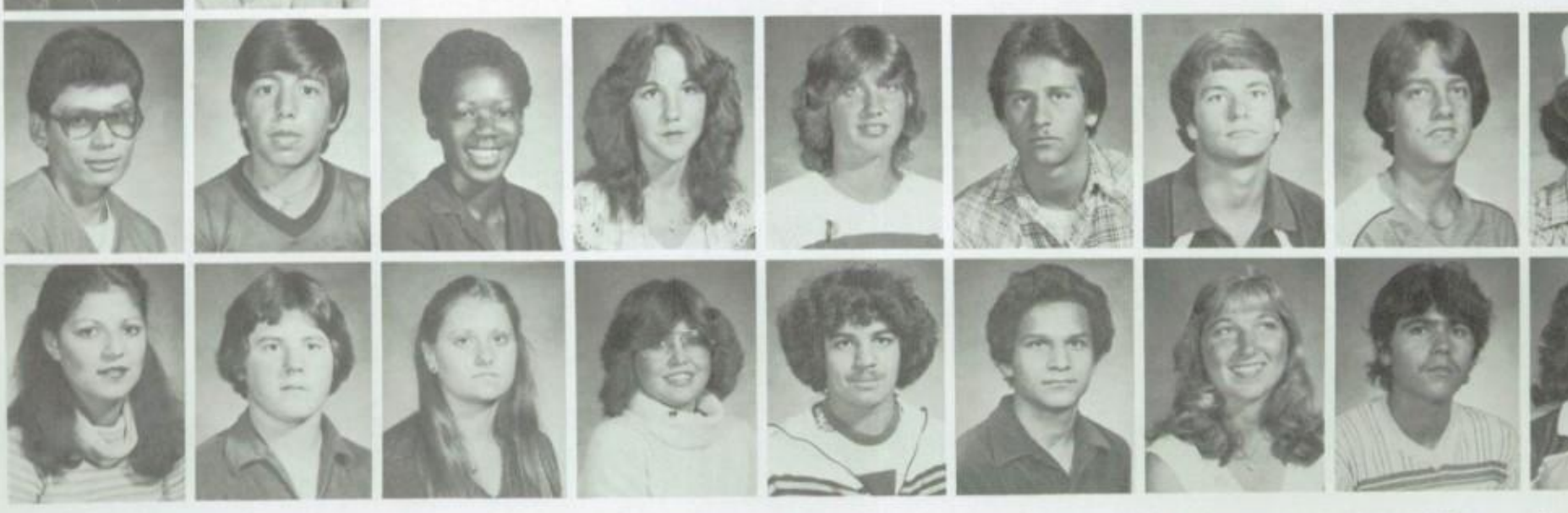


1 Displaying his skill in roping, Tony Louis practices rope tricks.
2 Throwing the rope with accuracy, Tony catches the horns of the dummy steer.
3 Tony and his horse Brandy take a breather.
4 Tony twirls his lasso to start th throw.
5 Tony Louis and his partner Dave Oque straighten their ropes before lassoi a steer.



Maria Lopez
Jovita Madrigal
John Martinez
Blanca Mendonza
Tony Louis
Louis Madrigal
Francisco Marquez
Joe Mendonza
Emmy May
Phyllis Mercer
Sherrie McClung
Chris Mihelis
Pam McClure
James Mitts
Clint McCullaugh
Nathaniel Montez
Troy McCutcheon
Beth Moore
Kevin McKenna
Carlos Morales
Jon McManis
Gina Moreno

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Patricia Morgan
Brenda Mundy
Neuman Jaye
Tammy Noffsinger

Alanna Moses
Ramiro Nava
Shannon Nicholson
Fred Nomeli

lesto Prado

Machelle Park

Steve Patton

Paula Peeper

Beatrice Peral

Irma Perez

Frank Perez

Tami O'Laughlin
Sandra Ortega
Bernita Ott
Becky Petty

Steve Oliver
Alma Ortiz
Linda Overholtzer
Cynthia Pollard

Joanne Potts
Michele Riebe
Raul Rodriquez
Frank Salas

Rosa Quintero
Lisa Rodriquez
Steve Rosenow
Sandra Salazar

Nirmala Ram
Mike Rodriquez
Hector Rubio
Gordon Schoonover

Carmen Ramirez

Susie Ramos

Diane Ranuio

Gregg Reim

Lisa Rhea

Mark Richards

Fredrick Sharp
Sherrie Sims
Manuel Soares
Joey Stowers

Caroline Shaw
Sonia Sims
Debbie Sperry
Oswaldo Toste

Melinda Simpson
David Snyder
Anthony Spivey
Cheryl Travao

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Beth Moore

A junior at MHS and the class president, this otherwise normal student has a unique interest in pigs. Beth Moore has adopted them as a hobby, and not only raises the 'real' ones, but also collects them in all forms of representation.

Beth has attended MHS since the first day of her freshman year, and has always been an active leader, participating in student government and rally. She is currently enrolled in Journalism, the major course of study she plans to pursue in college. When not studying or engaged in other school-related work, she devotes her time to her pigs.

When it comes to pigs, Beth has nearly everything imaginable. Her collection ranges from the contemporary 'piggy bank' to a large 'Miss Piggy' towel that hangs on her wall. She has pig mugs, trinket boxes, pins, plant holders, posters, statues, and even a tote bag, complete with compartments in the ears. Her favorite, however, is a crystal pig from Sweden.

Beth also has live pigs. In her freshman year, she took an agriculture class and joined FFA so that she could raise 'real' pigs. That year she raised her first two, eventually entering one in the county fair. She has raised several since then, selling her most recent one in December. Beth speculates that she makes up to $100 per sale, but doesn't like selling them, because she thinks it's cruel to send them to market. She doesn't think she'll raise more than a few at a time, due to the expense involved.

Her future plans include owning her very own ranch, and —sure enough!— raising pigs as a hobby.

—John Hallford

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John VanOostende

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Oscar Vera
Dave Verissimo
Dennis Wend

Paul Victor
Zuelma Vento
Tom Warren
Julie Westwood

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1 Beth Moore's favorite animal is displayed in magazine covers and a huge 'Miss Piggy' beach towel.
2 Even her school folders are decorated with evidence of her favorite animal.
3 Beth proudly displays her collection of 'teddy pigs' against one of her favorite pig posters.
4 Beth frequently cleans and rearranges her collection of mugs, figurines, and other pig items.
5 The finishing touch is a door lined with posters, a calendar and a spot to hang her famous pig purse.

Debbie Wentworth
Naomi Winhall
Erin Wray
Pete Ybarra

Jeff Wilson
Marilyn Wolf
Rod Wyeth
David Zehnder

Juanita Acosta

Ofelia Aguilar

Miguel Aguirre

Victor Aguirre

Maria Alberto

Olga Alberto

Martin Alejo

Joe Allen

Adela Alvarez

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Class of '84

The enthusiastic sophomores were one class that definitely stood out when it came to working hard and showing spirit. Laurie Medieros fulfilled her job as president by starting the work toward an involved and active year. With outstanding unity, she and other class officers began planning for the traditional dance in February known as the Hearts and Lace Dance.

Fund raisers were promoted throughout the year all over the community and Panther campus. At MHS volunteer sophomore 'slaves' were auctioned off, and assorted kinds of candy were sold. Their most profitable fund raiser was a car wash at Uptown Sound which netted the sophmores a $100 profit. Bake sales and yard sales also helped the Class of'84 raise the tally of their bank account to the level of their goals.

The class was full of individuals who were determined to overcome the apathy which was so prevalent throughout the classrooms on campus. As the morals to stories usually go, once again a small minority of the members worked the hardest at bringing unity to the class. Under the leadership of Mrs. Ila Westfall and Mr. Arlen Holen, the Class of '84 proved to be a class of accomplishment, not only through good times but also growing toward maturity.

—Karen Fernandes

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Leslie Anglim
Christine Bell

Angel Avila
Trent Bellew

Carl Azevedo
John Bertson

Mike Baker
Marty Black

Kathy Ball
Ron Boggs

Fidel Barraza
Steve Bolton
Lora Bryant
Jeanette Clancy

John Barton
Rhonda Bowling
Luis Cacho
Bernadette Coito

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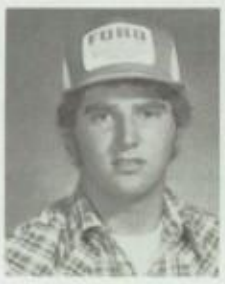

Kim Grimes pauses for a breath during her
ngleader routine.
Sophomore Class Advisors Ila Westfall and Arlen
olen listen to the discussion at a class meeting.
Denise Presley and Anthony Presto work diligently
finger dexterity in Career Planning.

4Sophomore Class Officers, representative, Sabrina Farris, **vice president,** Loren Dieu, **president,** Lauri Medeiros, **secretary,** Rhonda Boone.
5 President Lauri Medeiros narrates a story in the Atwater Rally planned by the Class of '84.

Alma Corneso
Daren Dansby
Donna De Simone
Pepe Diaz

Tynna Corrigan
Humberto Delgado
Connie Dias
Loren Dieu

Sam Cousins
Eric Dennison
Lucy Dias
Jorge Dinis

Doug Eller
Gil Fite
Jeff Franklin
Larry Foster

Carol Ellis
Irma Flores
Danny Freeman
Vince Furtado

Juan Esparza

Armando Espino

Mike Eyerly

Regina Fajardo

Sabrina Farris

Gonzalo Fernandez

Maria Fernande

Jose Garcia
Ralph Garcia
James Garner
Juanita Garza

Monica Garcia
Jesus Garibay
John Garrison
Kashmir Gill

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Stephanie Mattox

Imagine anyone who has been doing a 'grown-up' job since they were three years old! That's when Stephanie Mattox started, first Western style, and then, after five years, switching to English. After two years of training she was able to ride with the circuit. Since she began showing she has earned over 400 awards.

In addition to showing horses on the circuit, Stephanie spends much of her time teaching others how to show horses, again in both English and Western. Training for English starts on the rail, and then moves on to horses, and finally on to the circuit.

Teaching Western takes a great deal of time, and begins with lessons in grooming and saddling horses. "It mainly takes a lot of time and patience," she stated.

Everyone who shows horses must have the required outfits. For English this consists of beige breeches, riding boots, a hunt coat, hunt cap and hunt gloves, all of which costs up to $500.

For Western the outfit is Western style shirt and pants, chaps that match the shirt, and western hat and boots, which can total up to $600.

Despite the high costs involved, she prefers Western riding because it requires a greater amount of time be devoted to horses. "It takes hours of hard work every day," said Stephanie. "Not only riding, but grooming is required, and I love to put the work into my horses to make them look their best."

Stephanie plans to continue teaching and training for the circuit, eventually owning her mother's ranch where she trains her horses. —Sheryl Hardenbrook

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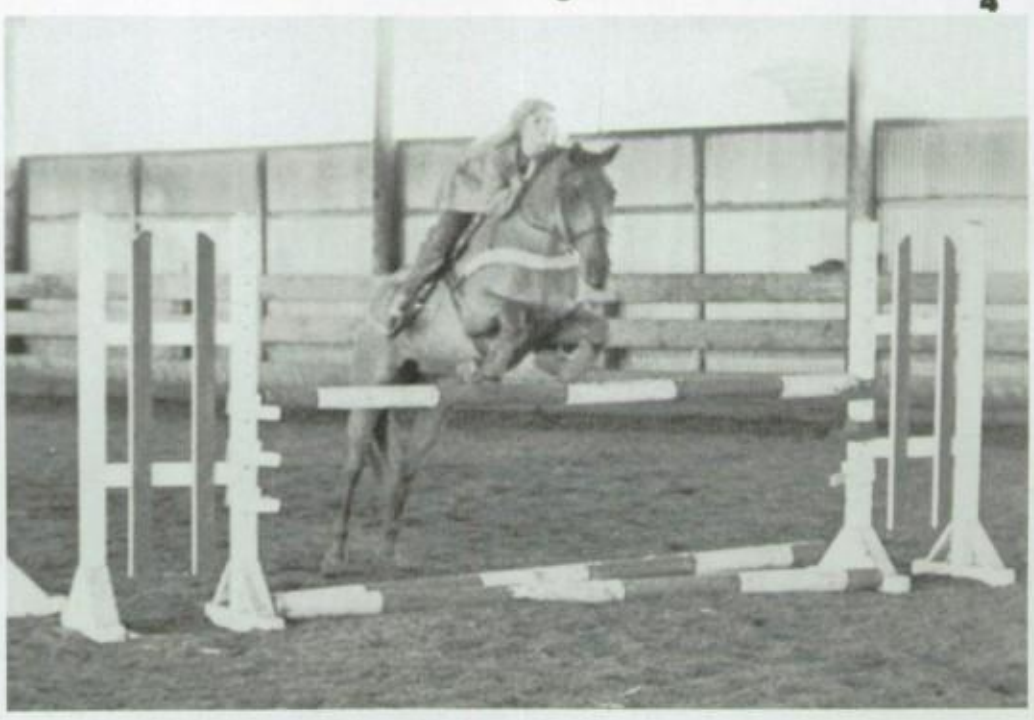

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Sam Gonzales

Robert Goodloe

Randy Gottfried

Kim Grimes

Antonio Gutierrez

Michelle Haley

Lisa Haney
Leroy Harris
Carol Herchkorn
Harry Hettinga

Mike Hardy
Stephanie Heersink
Jimmy Hernandez
Gary Hibbs

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1 Stephanie Mattox adjusts the bridle to fit her favorite horse, which she calls 'Red.'
2 After a grueling hour and a half workout, Stephanie takes Red for a cool-down walk around the arena.
3 When horses get 'rowdy,' as this one sometimes does, Stephanie hooks them to the 'hot walk' to calm them down.
4 After countless months of practice, Stephanie and Red make clearing jumps look easy.
5 Before beginning a daily workout, Stephanie leads a blanket-covered Red to the arena; recently clipped of his winter coat, he is being kept warm and clean for an upcoming show.
6 Enjoying herself during the workout, Stephanie and Red practice English style riding.

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Ron Hill
John Howard
Danny Hunstable
Janee Jackson

Allan Hootman
Lori Howell
Cliffetta Ingram
Neil Jackson

Michael Jeske
Joe Lopez
Debbie Macedo
Ron Maddox

Lori Johnston
Jose Lugo
Daniel Maddox
Ramona Mackri

Rick Kessie

Clayton Kittle

Kristin Lee

Bertha Larry

Efren Linares

David Lopez

Esther Lopez

Jose Madrigal
Jaime Martinez
Martin McCarthy
Lori Medeiros

Veronica Madrigal
Stephanie Mattox
Diane McHale
Mancel Mello

Egg Babies

Kidnap! Murder! Child abuse! These are some of the comments you hear around school at the end of each semester, when the Egg Baby Program in the Health Ed classes begins.

The program started three years ago when Mrs. Carolyn Leathers and Miss Kris Domitrovich attended a Family Life class. They were intrigued by the Egg Baby program that was described, and decided to try it at MHS. They told their students that each one was required to make an Egg Baby and carry it around with them for a week. They were not to leave it out of their possession unless they specifically requested someone to 'baby-sit' at the rate of a nickel an hour. This assignment would teach them a lesson in responsibility and what it's like to be a parent.

At first many students felt embarrassed and refused to carry an egg around all day and treat it like a real baby. After a while, though, they began to think it was interesting and wanted to show off their babies. Decorating them took as little as five minutes to as long as five hours. Many students went to elaborate lengths to give their babies distinct personalities, including hair, clothes, and names. There was even a talented baby named 'Cory-Jo' whose mother, Sabrina Farris, claimed to have taught him to play the saxophone.

Unfortunately, several students had their babies kidnapped. Lori Howell's baby 'Ephastus' was held for a Snicker-bar ransom. When she refused to pay for a second kidnapping, 'Ephastus' was brutally cremated and served for breakfast. Mike Goncalves' baby 'Stud' had a very serious operation, and grief-stricken mothers Laura Ball and Kris Lee were horrified when their babies were crushed by heartless murderers before their very eyes.

After the week was over, 99% of the students said they thought it was a good program and should be continued in following semesters, although many of them admitted that they had been neglectful parents, and that they were not ready for the responsibility of a 'real' child. —Juliet Costa

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1 During lunch, Donna De Simone spends a pleasant mid-day break with her twin babies.
2 Displaying the style of the 60's is Ron Dixon's Egg Baby 'Fonzie.'
3 Brenda Pope displays her twin Egg Babies, 'Jaima and Jeremiah' during her week as a mother.
4 Three proud parents, Lori Howell, Mike Goncalves, and Sabrina Farris, argue over which is the best-looking baby in the group.
5 Fall semester Egg Baby parents with their winning children, **front row:** Tina Thomas, Michelle Haley, Christina Ramos, Camillia Tillman, Ron Dixon. **second row:** Phil Cearly, Trent Bellew, Mike Goncalves, Roger Wright.

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Eric Milchen

Anna Miller

Carolyn Monds

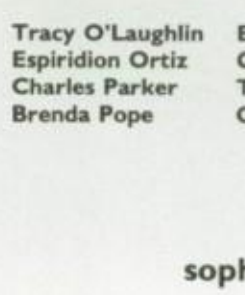
Robert Morales

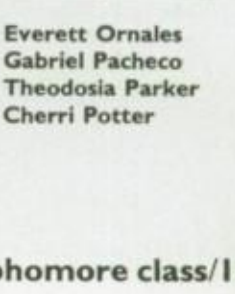
Tiburcio Moran

Patricia Moses

Claudio Nayares

Kim New





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Cherri Potter

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Sherry Rose
Maria Scarborough

Luz Pulido
Manuel Rosales
Chris Saldivar
Sandra Sickert

Arcelia Quintero

Becky Ramirez

Manuel Ramon

Irene Ramos

Patricia Ramos

Tammy Rancour

Luz Rivera

Michelle Simar
James Sisk
Inez Sullivan
Camelia Tillman

Clyde Simpson
Janet Strickland
Albert Swafford
Lucy Toste

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1 Beer cans and bottles line the shelves of Jake Weston's room, displaying his growing collection.
2 Working in the photo room, Jake waits for his print to dry.
3 Jake enjoys talking about his twin interests.
4 Jake explains why this is his favorite Lowenbrau mug.
5 Jake takes good care of his collection.
6 Jake likes to display a few of his favorite and most valuable foreign items.

iguel Trujillo | Chau Truong | Tuan Truong | Michelle Uhler | Kathy Valeriano | Matilda Vargas | Bertha Vera | Hector Vera

Noe Vigil
Stacy Walker
Sean Wani
Jennifer Wells

Shanin White
Randy Whitehead
Ivan Wyeth
Maryanne Yandell

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Jake Weston

"I don't care about their value; I just like collecting them," stated MHS sophomore Jake Weston. He collects foreign and domestic beer cans and bottles, and although some are worth quite a bit, he does it mainly for the fun of it.

Jake has been collecting beer cans and bottles for a little over three years. He currently has over 100 different cans and bottles, and displays them in his home on shelves. The oldest can in his collection is a 1949 Schlitz. He found this one while on a vacation in the mountains. His favorite can, however, is a Pabst Blue Ribbon manufactured in 1955.

He has also found a hobby at school: photojournalism. He hopes to join the production staff next year.

Jake works hard cleaning his cans and keeping them in good shape, and his supportive father and older brother work to keep him well supplied with new cans. They often find them along the road, and when they do they bring them home to Jake. In order to identify the many kinds of cans he finds, Jake keeps a copy of "The Beer Can Collector's Bible" handy at all times.

Jake also owns a few foreign beer cans and bottles, mainly from Switzerland and Germany. "Foreign beer is a lot more expensive to buy," he remarked.

In addition to his growing collection of cans and bottles, Jake also has acquired a number of beer mugs, ranging from very old to brand new. "I guess the best thing about collecting beer cans and bottles is the fun of drinking their contents!" Jake laughed.

—Dalinda Angelo

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Aaron Augustine
Chris Beatty

Michelle Adams
Guadalupe Angel
Manuel Azevedo
Holly Beatty

Jimmie Aflague
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Michelle Azevedo
Wendy Beauvais

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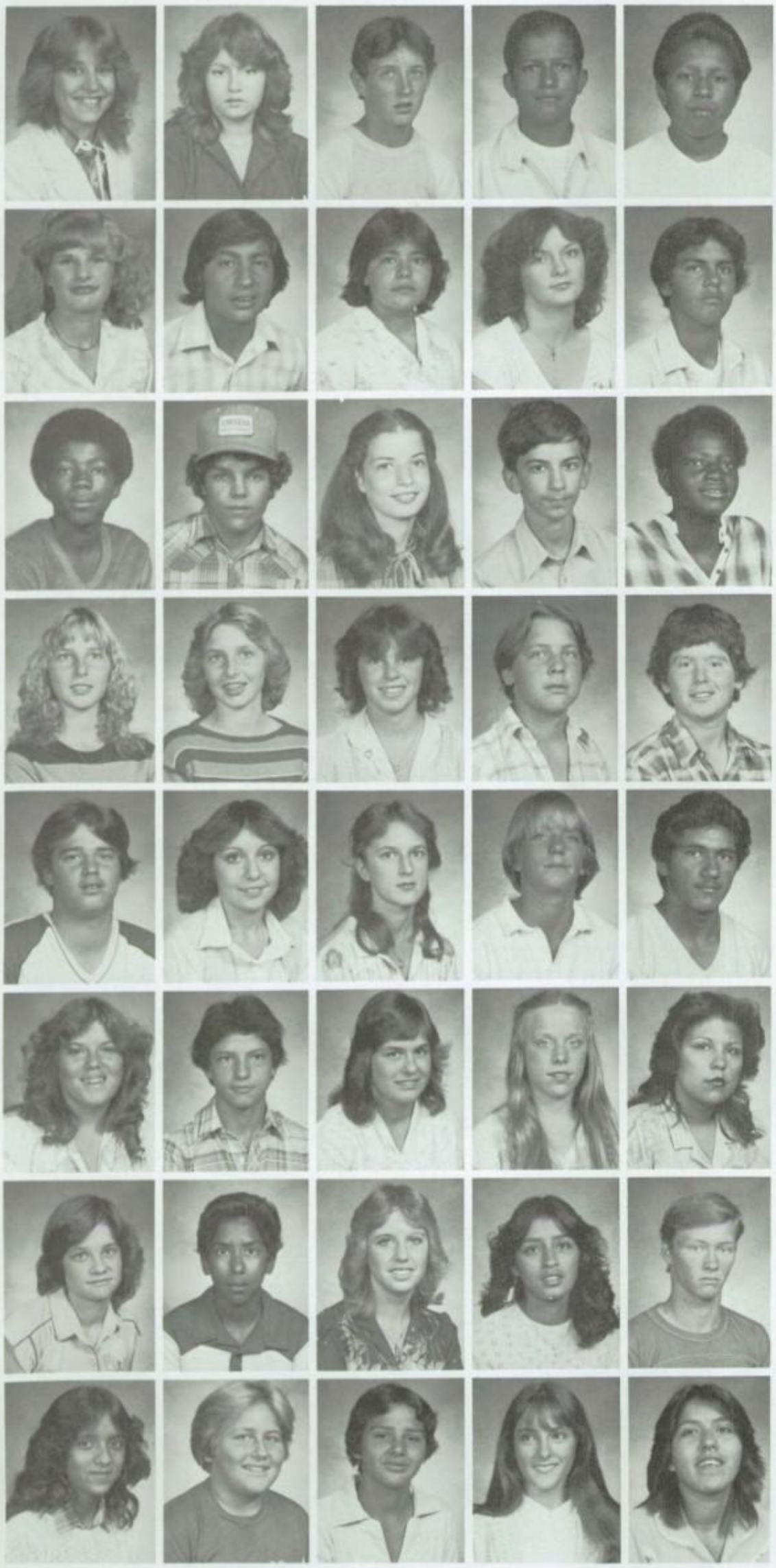

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1 Freshman Advisors Mr. Marvin Lundquist and Mr. H.L. Clark confer in the library about the progress of their students.
2 Freshman Class Officers, representative, Shawnee Clark, **vice president,** Gina Mae, **president,** Niki Smith, **treasurer,** Sherri Hobbs, and **secretary,** Carla Jarvis.
3 During Freshman Orientation in September, Dodie Solinger and Monica Garcia look around for their classes.
4 During a Student Curriculum Committee meeting, freshman member Jeff Hardenbrook writes down his ideas.

Douglas Bethel
Christie Boucher
Lisa Brown
Susie Campbell

Gina Bettencourt
Isaac Brambilla
Johnny Buantello
Donald Canhoto

Pamela Blatzheim
Karen Bradley
Michelle Bulman
Bobby Cardoza

Kenneth Boggs
Jane Braswell
Veronica Calderon
Lillie Chalk

Johnny Bonales
Denise Bravo
Lloyd Campbell
Francine Chaves

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Class of '85

When the school doors opened on September 8, 1981, a new world lay ahead for the Class of '85: a new campus, new faces, and a new set of traditions to learn and follow. Students who had 'hung out' together in junior high met new friends while their former friendships often cooled as their interests diverged. In an effort to copy the upperclassmen, and be with the 'in' crowd, they took up cruisin', dancin', and "partyin' the night away."

Yet there was another aspect to the lives of this fresh new crop of Panthers. They were eager to participate in the extra-curricular activities of MHS, including sports, spirit, and student government.

As soon as school was under way, freshman class officer elections were held and the positions were quickly filled. In late September, Mr. H. L. Clark, co-advisor of the Freshman Class, described the new MHS group as "a class that seems to have good and hardworking leaders, but the rest of the class is slow to participate. I think when the students begin to feel more at home at Modesto High School the participation level will increase rapidly." By the beginning of the second semester, things started looking better. The class held the usual freshman money raising projects, most of which were very successful. The money was raised in anticipation of events the class would be expected to sponsor during their sophomore year.

When asked about the class, one officer replied enthusiastically, "We want to raise enough money to put on dances, and things. My fellow classmen are eager and have a positive attitude toward participation."

The Class of '85 had a good attitude toward school work and fared well in scholastic affairs. "There will be as many or more college candidates from this year as there have ever been," said frosh advisor Mr. Marvin Lundquist, "and the proof is definitely there."

Freshman participation in extracurricular sports and clubs was unbelievably high; said one club advisor, "I have so many members, I don't know what to do! The funny thing is, they are mostly freshmen."

—Denise Presley

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Cheri Cope
Roger Dafford
Tina Deatherage
Darren Dennison

Judy Corrales
Robert Dalton
Grace Deiparine
Teddy Derring

Sandy Cox
Kelly Davis
Rockie DeLeon
Robby Devine

Shannon Crace

Charleta Crane

Dana Criswell

Nedra Cuevas

Patrick Culver

Clarence Cunha

Kathi Dixon
Tanna Dunham
Tanya Eller
Becky Evans

Twan Do
Chris Dunn
Carrie Emens
Johanna Fajardo

Pedro Dominguez
Wayne Elam
David Escobar
Sandee Farrington

1 With a steady hand, pen and ruler, Grace Deiparine sets to work.
2 Working with clay is another form of expression which Grace has learned to utilize.
3 Laughing to a friend, Grace talks about her hobby.
4 Drawing steadily throughout the period, Grace enjoys art more than anything else.
5 Grace treasures the hours she now has to spend on her art work.
6 Putting final touches on another masterpiece, Grace realizes the need to take her time on the details.

drew Fernandez | Leslie Finley | Rylene Foster | Kathy Foust | Sarah Franco | Stephanie Frazier | Richard Freitas | Wanda Fretwell, Samantha Gallant, Melinda Garber, Lisa Garcia | Dawn Froberg, Richard Gomez, Celia Garcia, Noemi Garibay

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Grace Deiparine

The oldest of three girls, Grace Deiparine is a freshman at MHS. For four years she has been taking art lessons, and enjoys drawing so much she has taken it up as a very serious hobby.

In April of 1978, Grace and her family moved from the tropical city of Lebucity, in the Philippines, to the cold northern country of the United States. The family settled first in Turlock, where they remained for a year before moving to Modesto in 1979. Her father has "family" living in Southern California, but all of her mother's relatives still live in the Philippines.

Though Grace was only twelve and one half years old when the family moved to America, she had little difficulty in adapting to the life here. Since she had been taught English for several years in school, she encountered few of the language problems so often experienced by immigrants.

Grace hopes to someday become an artist, and has continued to take private art classes. She takes classes from both Mr. Leroy Giovanoni and Mrs. Phylis Boetler. She enjoys drawing and would rather draw still life and nature pictures than any others. Charcoal, pencils, and chalk are the basic tools of her trade, with which she produces her masterpieces.

The life of the renaissance artist Michelangelo has always fascinated Grace, and although she has never tried painting, she hopes to begin it sometime next year.

Her favorite personal drawing is one she made of the hobbit Bilbo Baggins, hero of J.R.R. Tolkien's fantasy masterpiece, **The Hobbit.**

In the immediate future, Grace has tentative plans to win the logo design competition for Modesto High's Centenial celebration, which will begin next year. Farther away, she holds the ambition of attending a private art school in Europe, and perhaps someday becoming a nurse.

Grace loves to help people, loves to read books, and loves to draw, and she plans to continue with her hobby throughout her life.

—Debbie Bowling

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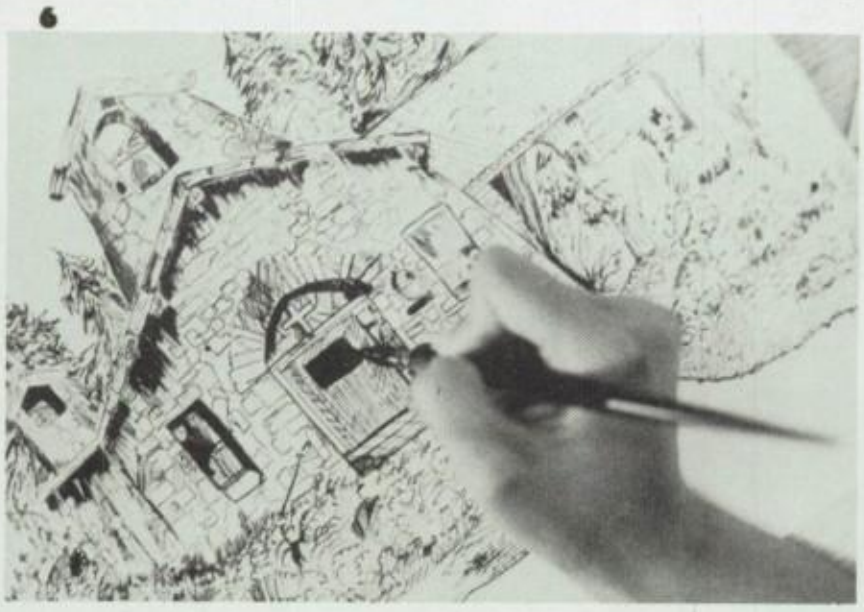

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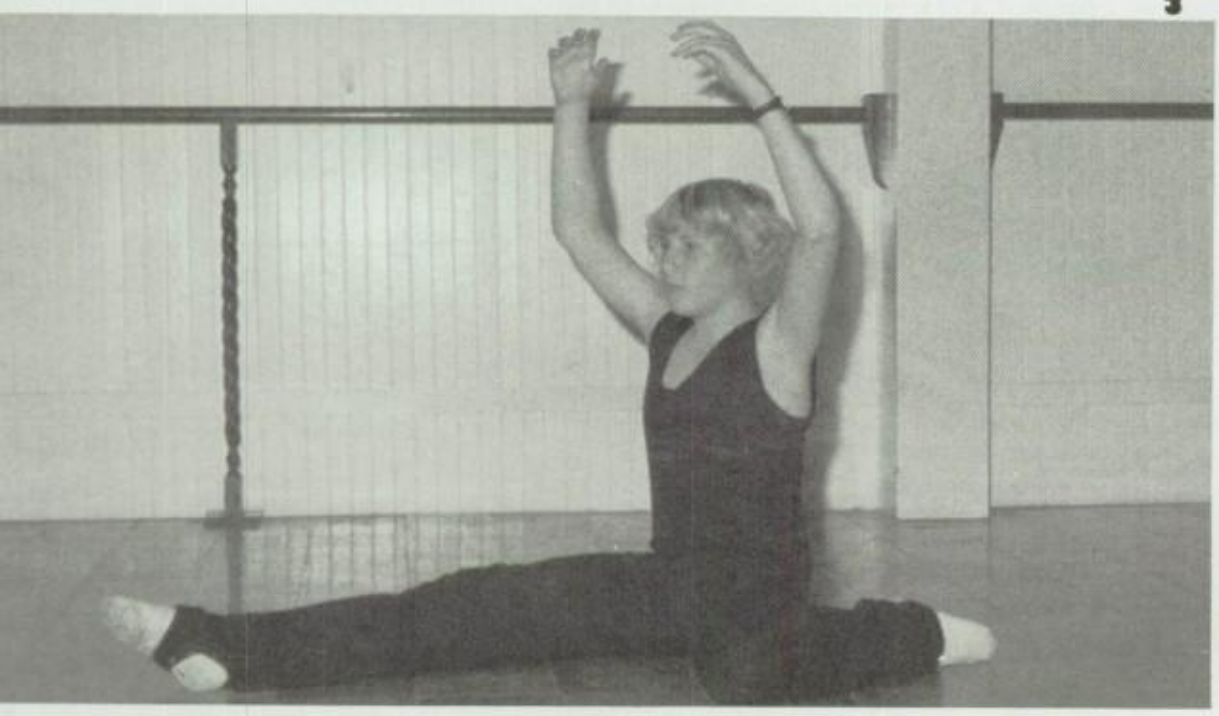

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Darrin Denison

Requiring much more attention than the usual hobbies such as collecting records or coins, or building model planes, Darrin Denison's hobby is very different from most. He is a jazz dancer, and has been for most of his life. Darrin says he found his hobby in a most unusual way. "I forgot my tranquilizers and I needed some way to release my tensions, so I danced."

When he was in the fifth grade he won his first dance contest. Since that time he has competed in many more, winning many of them. In 1979 he went to Denver, where the show was aired over HBO. "That's been the high point of my career."

Though he feels that it is a lot of fun, dancing is a very strenuous activity. Dancers use more muscles that football players, and must go through forty five minutes of warm-ups before they can begin to dance.

In addition, finding enough money can be a problem. Besides paying for lessons, a student must also have the proper clothing and transportation to and from competitions. Darrin doesn't mind all of this, though. "When you really like something, it isn't that bad." He also enjoys the approval and encouragement of his family and friends. "My family has been very supportive of me," he remarked proudly.

Darrin says that the only problem he faces is that people "tend to associate me with Danny Terrio and Fred Astair." But who knows? maybe in a few years, he'll be equally famous.

—Bill Knowlden

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1 Darrin Denison holds a difficult eight-count, showing the jazz dancing talent with which he has won many contests.
2 Giving expression to another of his hobbies, Darrin practices on the piano before playing a song.
3 While in the "hurdler's stretch," Darrin warms up before beginning a dance routine.
4 Darrin smiles as he talks about his hobbies.
5 Working out for a spot on the Tennis Team, Darrin finds that his dancing exercise helps him to excel in athletics.

Carla Jarvis
Angela Jones

Mike Jenkins
Tammy Jurgens
Pat Kessie
Sheldon Kinsfater

Jim Johnson
Charles Kelley
Manbin Khaira
Amber Kirksey

Victoria Johnston
Tony Kennedy
Leslie Kilcrease
Mike Kiryakoz

David Kline
Tom Lara
Tony Lewis
Sheila Long

Steven Lal
Clarence Larry
Irene Leyva
Diana Lopez

Stacy Lanphear
Jacy Lee
Charles Light
Manuela Lopez

Ricardo Lopez
Esteban Martinez
Gina May
Lynette McClure

Ann Lord
Raul Martinez
Kim McClure
Darlene McDonald

Pauline MaAgma

Yolanda Madrigal

Maxi Magana

Brandon Mauksch

Yolanda Marcoff

Leah Martin

Arthur Martine

Katy McGrath
James McHugh
Leticia Medina
Philip Medrano

Donny McGregor
Liz McKenzie
Reubin Medina
Sheryl Mendonza

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Mona Simmons

Along with their school work, many students find time to keep up hobbies which they enjoy, however offbeat they may seem to others. MHS freshman Mona Simmons just started making 'Pickle People' in November of 1981.

She attended a Christmas retreat sponsored by the First Baptist Church, where many arts and crafts were displayed. "Everything was interesting, but the 'pickle people' were so cute. I just had to learn how to make them," Mona said.

It takes about 45 minutes to 1 hour to make a good 'pickle person.' Mona uses such materials as old nylons, cotton, thread, crayons, buttons, and also if desired, cloth for clothes and hats.

So far Mona has already made about 16 'pickle people.' Most of the time she gives them away for gifts, but has managed to keep five herself. Her favorites are "Ethel and Roberta," the very first two she made.

When asked why she likes to make them so much she replied, "I like it because it's not a very common hobby and I like being different!"

Trying to make her 'pickle people' look like family and friends is very amusing to her, even though they might not turn out just right. She also enjoys trying to teach friends her craft.

Eventually Mona would like to make quite a few 'pickle people' and sell them in jars (their home) for about $2.50 each. "It would be a good way to make extra money, and since I like making them, that's even better."

Some might think that stuffing a weird looking person into a jar is a little strange. But to Mona Simmons, it's a great hobby and a jar full of fun.

—Dalinda Angelo

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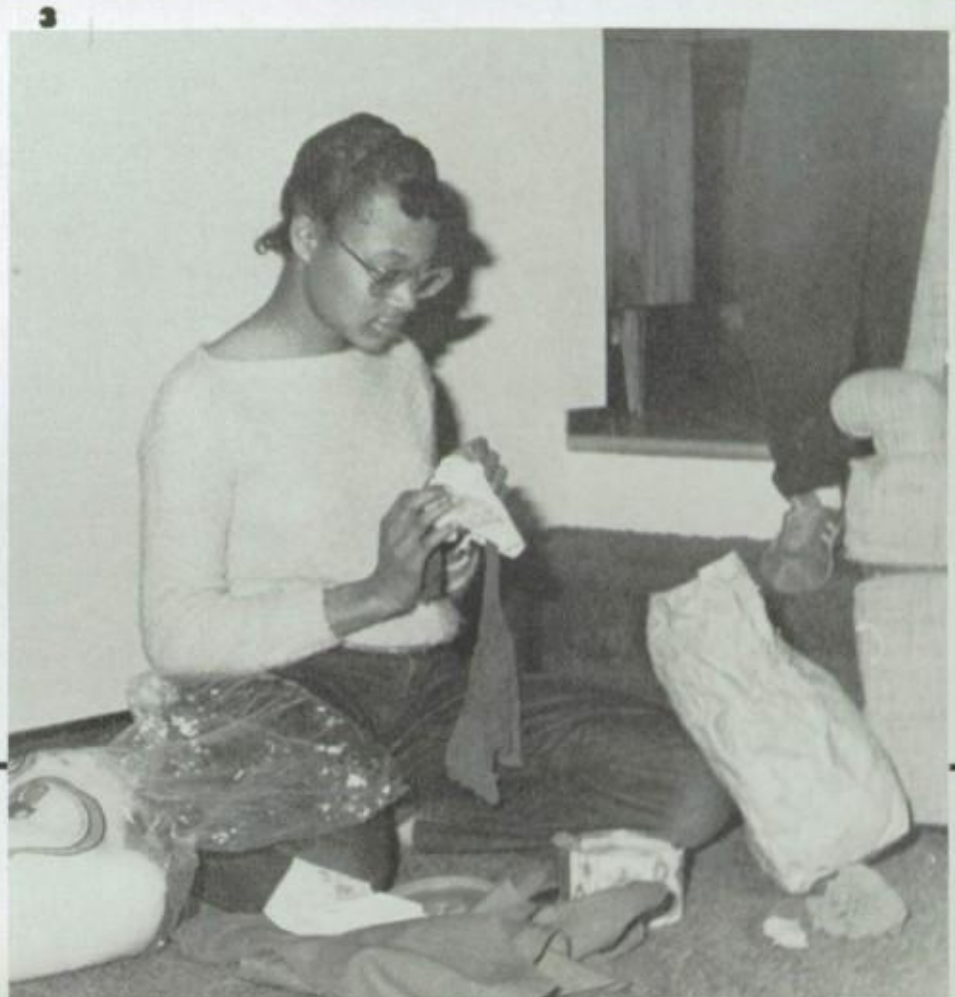

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1 Mona Simmons displays two of her rare 'un-canned' Pickle People.
2 Two of Mona's most successful Pickle People rest in their 'homes' atop her piano.
3 Mona enjoys making elaborate outfits to dress up her 'People.'
4 Standing by two of her finished creations, Mona is proud of her accomplishments.
5 A lot of sewing and fitting is involved in shaping the faces of her 'People.'

aula Nelson
lizabeth Oliveira

Tracy New
Linda Ollis

Huong Nguyen
Lydia Ortega

Bernita Norris
Robert Ott

Hazel Null
Lori Overholtzer

Tom Null
Noe Oviedo

Nadine Nunes
Eugene Pacheco

Melvina Oliney
Beverly Parker

Arlindo Navarro
Lisa Negele
Sabrina Oliney
Charlotte Parker

Mark Parker
Jose Pacercia
Shannon Pearson
Patrick Peterson

Kris Pariset
David Pearson
John Perry
Alfredo Pireto

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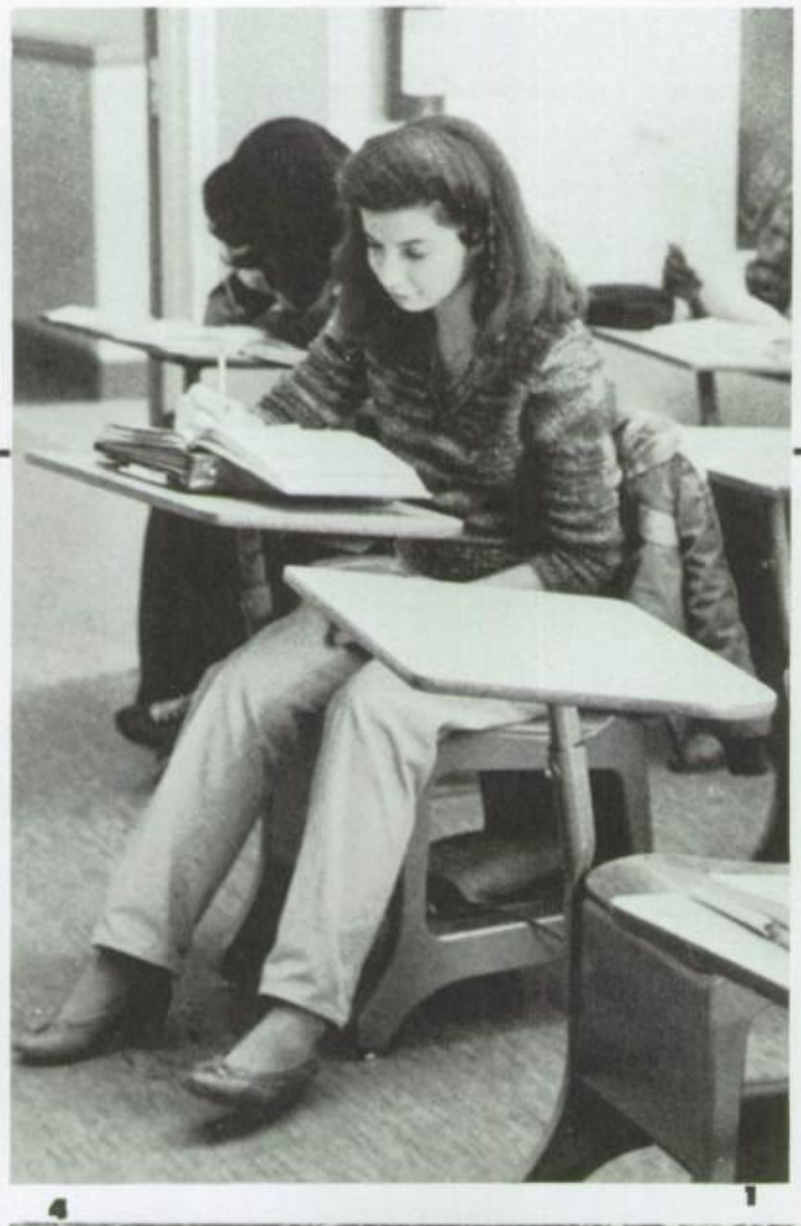

Teresa Ramirez

Kim Rancour

Val Ray

1 Enjoying the challenge of high school, Michelle Azevedo (Salida) practices her Spanish lesson.
2 Sharpening his artistic skills, Freddie Bernal (Roosevelt) applies another aspect to his creation.
3 During his World Geography class, David Escobar (La Loma) concentrates on his assignment.
4 Freshmen from different junior highs: Pete Mihelis (Shiloh), Nadine Nunes (Hart Ransom), Wendy Beauvais (Prescott), Laura Archuleta (Mark Twain), Sandra Contreras (St. Stanislaus), Philip Shuman (La Loma).
5 During English I Cheri Reim (Paradise) and Nadine Nunes write creative sentences.

enny Ream | Sheri Reed | Lori Reeves | Cheri Reim | Denise Reyes | Randy Richardson | Martin Rico | Donnie Robinson, Gerry Rocha, Melinda Rodrigues, Balinda Rogers | Terry Robles, Joe Rodrigues, Isabel Rodriguez, Josefina Rubio

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Melting Pot

Entering MHS from widely diverse areas, freshmen must make many changes in order to conform to MHS standards. Often, those who don't manage to adjust soon enough are labeled as "weird" by upperclassmen. In order to find out the true feelings of those who come to MHS with few or no classmates from their junior high days, we asked the following questions of nine freshmen, each from a different "feeder school:"

1. How do you like MHS?
2. What do you think about the school?
3. What do/don't you like about MHS?
4. What do you think about the tardy policy?
5. How did you adjust to Panther life?

Opinions of the school ranged from 'It's great! I like it a lot!" to "It's all right," to "I guess it's all right—not the best, not the worst."

The most common reply to the second inquiry was that there were a lot more people than had been expected. Other answers included, "It's easier than other schools, especially the work," "More activities," and "A lot of spirit."

It was generally agreed that one of the most liked things about the school was the spirit, followed closely by the open campus and friendly attitudes. The least enjoyable things were the tardy policy and the length of classes.

Many of the freshmen found that the easiest way to adjust to life at MHS was to have a brother, sister, or friend who was an upperclassman show them around. Some found it hard at first, but after a while fell into the groove of things.

Though they entered the school with few friends and/or acquaintances, by the end of the year they felt that the insights they had gained had provided them with a good focus on Panther Life.

—Chris Mihelis
—Jeremy Shuman

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Rosa Savala, Philip Shuman | Teddy Schippert, Shawn Sickert | Ed Sciarini, Mona Simmons | Dana Sergis, Sawatore Sireno | Jeff Shafer, Shawn Sisco | Shawn Shafer, Allen Smith | Junior Shaird, Karen Smith | Rebecca Rush, Carlos Samudio, Gus Shaw, Lisa Smith | Maria Salsi, Rosa Sanchez, John Shaw, Nicki Smith

Melissa Soares
Carl Stati
Wesley Stearns
Sandy Street

Doddy Solinger
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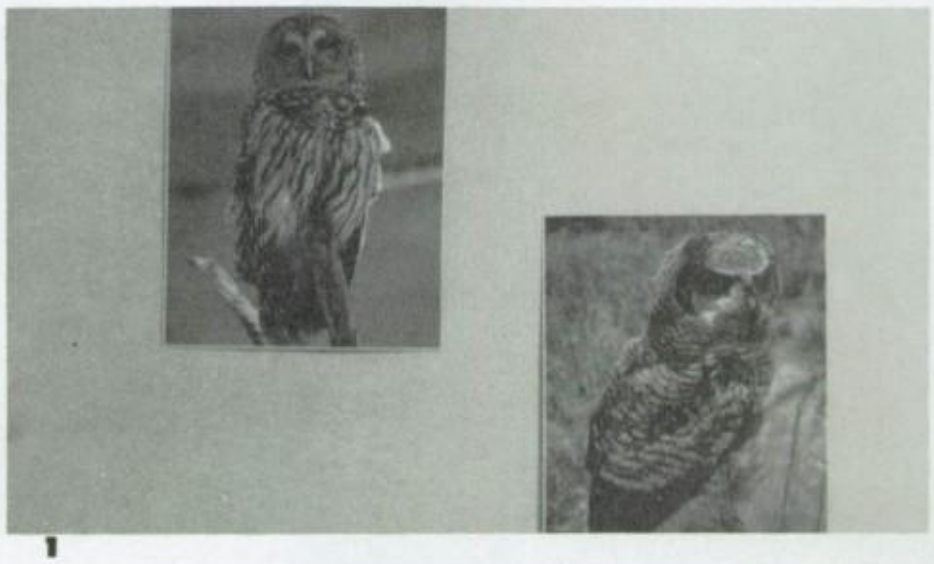

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1 "Freezing" nature forever in a memorable pose, Karen Bradley displays two photographic posters of owls on her wall.
2 Karen's favorite photo-poster occupies a wall all to itself.
3 Part of Karen's growing collection of owls and artifacts is visible in one corner of her room.
4 Karen Bradley poses proudly with interesting owl nick-nacks displayed on her dresser.

Monica Suarez
James Suits
Walter Sutton
Garland Teany

Hong Thai

Dino Theodora

Michelle Thorn

Ray Tobar

Joey Todaro

Jackie Todd

Ofelia Trujillo

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Martina Vasquez

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Beatrice Velasquez

Hugo Vera

Jose Vera

Anne Verdone

Anne Verissimo
Linda Walker
Bishop Walton
Deanna Weldy

Sabrino Villarreal
David Waltman
Tracy Weiford
Mike Westwood

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Karen Bradley

Many people fill their spare time with such activities as horseback riding, drawing, crocheting, reading, gardening, woodworking, photography, and so forth. Some people spend their time pursuing hobbies that they find interesting and exciting, while still others pursue unusual and highly personalized avocations which others may find rather boring, such as the collection of objects or artifacts.

Karen Bradley has a collection of objects that many people find highly unusual, to say the least: she collects owls. Her collection is not limited to merely stuffed replicas, however, for she has also included posters, stick pins, miniatures, nick-nacks, and a mobile. Owls also come in collectibles including wall hangings, macrames, drinking mugs, and many more.

Although she has only been collecting for a couple of years, Karen currently has 36 of these objects, and her collection is still growing. Karen collects owls because "they're different," and it gives people an idea of "what to give me for Christmas and my birthday."

Though most of Karen's owls have come from the Modesto area, especially the Vintage Faire mall, she hopes to begin collecting them from different places across the country. —Debbie Bowling

Tami Williams

David Wilson

Gary Wilson

Henry Wilson

Kristine Wing

Christopher Wright

Shelly Wyatt

Leonard Wheaton
Paula White
Randy Williams
Ken Yarnevic

Karen Whitaker
Bobby Williams
Shawn Williams
Tony Zaiaco

left: 'S' Club members Veronica Vasquez, Karen Steen and Sandi Grover busily wrap Christmas gifts for a needy children project.

below: Leaving school at the end of the day, the Modesto High buses transport nearly one-third of the student body to their homes.

insets, top: Giving everything he has to the effort, Ray Chavez plays a trumpet solo at the Beyer half-time show.

center: Feeling the depression of the first loss of the season, quarterback Dennis Wend takes a moment to regain his composure.

bottom: Signaling the close of another school day, head night custodian Leon Imbert brings down the school flags.

Wrap

SCHOOL BUS

EMERGENCY EXIT

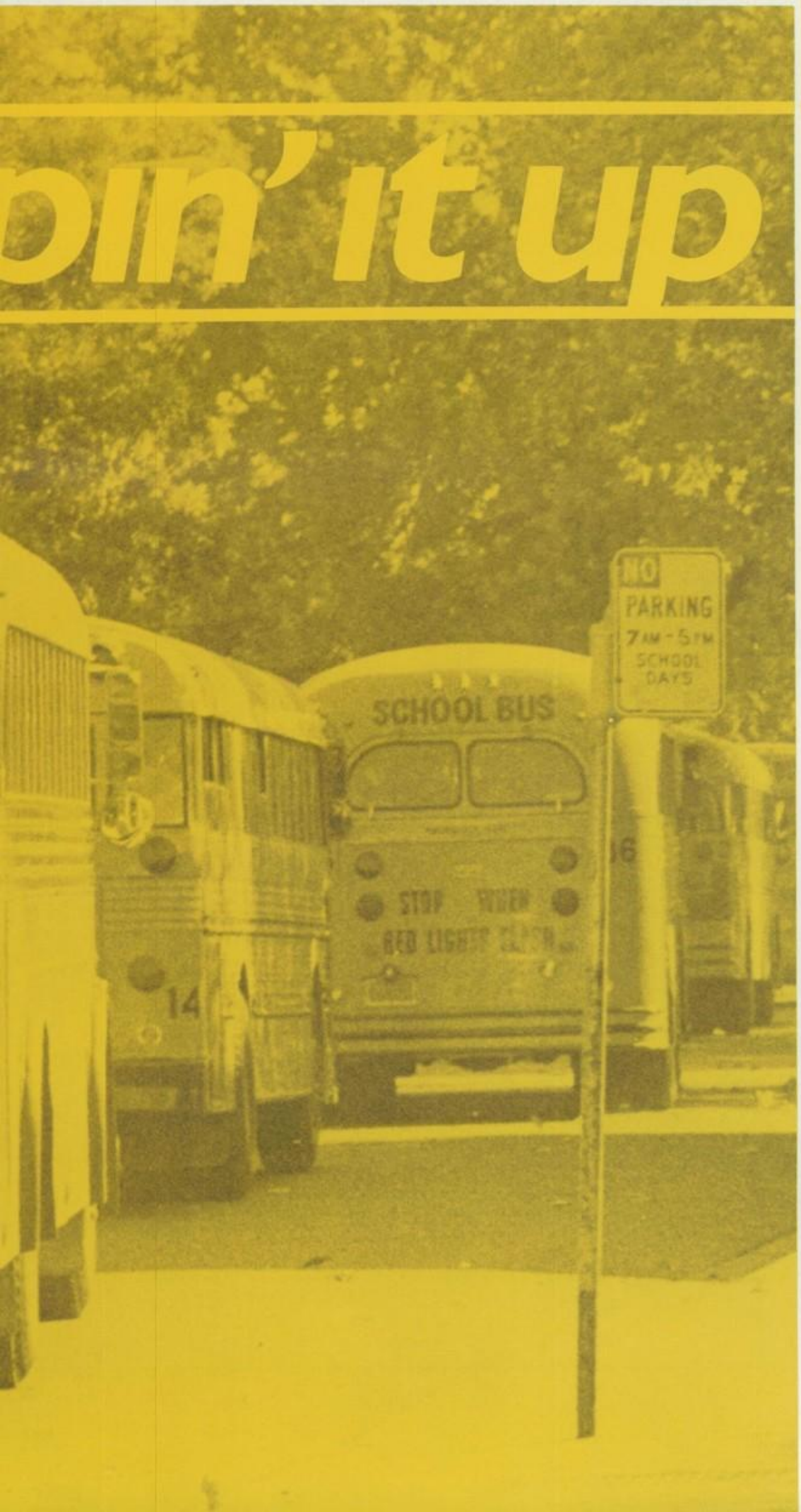
STOP WHEN

RED LIGHTS FLASH

the click of the camera is heard for the last time. The school year has ended and the cosmopolitan student body of Modesto High once again fragments as individuals turn to go their separate ways. What has been the value of it all?

For the seniors high school life is finally over. Their four-year bondage is finished, and they are free to go —wherever: to college, a job, marriage, or just bummin' around. But it is a different story for underclassmen, who must return in the fall to endure another year, with scarcely three months of summer in which to recuperate.

Each year is special in many ways. The 1982 school year was one of extraordinary 'mellowness' and cooperation. Never again will everything fit together quite this way. Teachers and students alike commented on the improved deportment of the student body in general. Friendships forged, commitments confirmed, ambitions identified; these are memories and



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plans which will not be quickly laid aside. Many will continue into the coming year. Some may carry on into future years, whether to further schooling or adulthood. A few may even influence the entire course of someone's life.

Yet in many other ways, it was a year of waiting, of pausing and catching one's breath before going on. What some may have termed a lack of ambition, others called tranquility and quiet; what some considered boredom, others found to be peacefullness and respect. Vandalism and violence were largely a thing of the past, as were tardiness and truancy, even though enrollment was up. Yet apathy and indifference were pervasive, as homework assignments, themes, and research projects were generally turned in late, if at all, and sagging school spirit seemed sporadic all year.

The long wait is over. The 99th year of MHS history is finished; the final season in the Central California Conference athletic league has been played; and no more will Panthers be confined to a crowded 19-acre campus. Seniors have said their tearful goodbyes, promising to return soon, yet knowing they may never make it. All the monotonous routines of school life have drawn to an end, and it is time for celebration.

—David Snyder

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Questionnaires were distributed to randomly selected groups of students which represent a cross section of the MHS student body.

1. How do you spend most of your time when you're not in school?

A. job	13%
B. sports	10%
C. TV, entertainment	17%
D. hobbies	15%
E. homework	14%
F. friends	26%

2. What do you plan to do after high school?

A. college	51%
B. vocational school	13%
C. work	33%
D. military	3%

3. Where do you plan to go to college?

A. MJC	48%
B. Cal State Stanislaus	12%
C. other	40%

4. What do you like to do in your spare time?

I enjoy going to concerts, parties, shopping. —senior girl

I visit with close friends and just have fun. —junior boy

I am interested in repairing electrical things. I also enjoy golf. —junior boy

5. Why have you made your specific choice about future plans?

I have chosen computer programming because there will be a great need for them in the future. —junior boy

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   - B. 1 - 5 times a week 67%
   - C. 6 - 10 times a week 6%
2. When do you go out to eat most often?
   - A. breakfast 1%
   - B. lunch 48%
   - C. dinner 51%
3. What types of food do you like best?
   - A. fast food (burgers, fries) 30%
   - B. Mexican (tacos, burritos) 30%
   - C. Italian (pizza, spaghetti) 21%
   - D. soul 3%
   - E. American dinners 12%
   - F. Chinese 4%
4. Comment on why you choose restaurants or food service locations.

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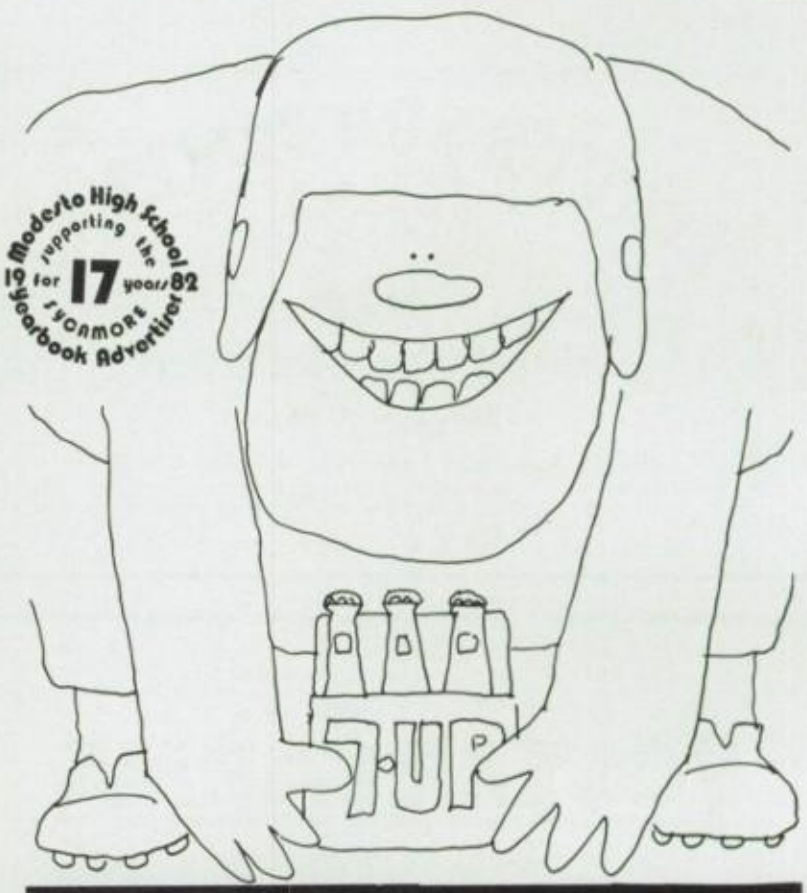

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A. walk	12%
B. ride a bike	1%
C. drive	34%
D. ride with a friend	23%
E. take the bus	28%

2. How would you prefer to come to school?

A. walk	7%
B. ride a bike	0%
C. drive	74%
D. ride with a friend	16%
E. take the bus	2%
F. other	1%

3. How much do you spend on gas in one week?

A. $15 or more	11%
B. $10 or more	36%
C. $5 or more	21%
D. $4 or less	27%

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A. casual	61%
B. sporty	4%
C. dressy	1%
D. jeans and T shirt	25%
E. other	7%

2. What type of shoes do you usually wear to school?

A. cowboy boots	7%
B. hiking boots	7%
C. flats	10%
D. casual	38%
E. dress	10%
F. tennis shoes	26%

3. How do you decide what clothes to buy?

A. friends' selection/advice	4%
B. ads on TV, in magazines	2%
C. popular styles	19%
D. personal choice	71%

4. Comment on why you wear the kinds of clothes you do.

I like wearing sporty type clothes, fashion jeans, sweaters, etc. because they are the preppy look and jeans that fit nicely feel better; but the sporty look is what I really like.

—sophomore girl

I don't want to please anyone by the way I dress. I dress the way I think is appropriate for me. —senior girl

I don't want to be too dressed up for school, but I don't want to look like a slob, either.

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B. horror	20%
C. romance	17%
D. western	7%
E. true to life	12%
F. other	2%

2. What do you think about "cruising" McHenry?

A. I like it	22%
B. It's OK, sometimes	47%
C. I don't like it	20%
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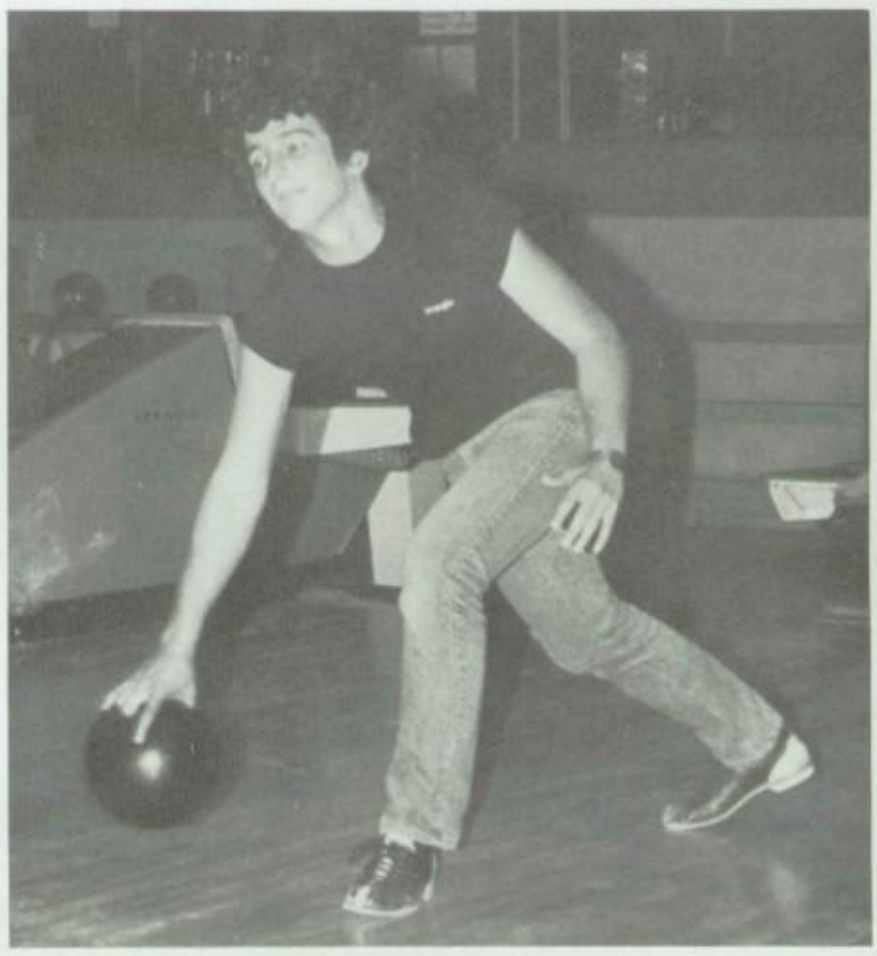

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1 Before beginning to print, Julian Martinez checks the proof of book to make sure the negative matches the proof number that has been requested.
2 Preparing to make a print, Chuck Houser carefully sets his easel to the correct size.
3 Consulting the proof book, Debbie Bowling dilligently picks the pictures for her layout.

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facing problems of a smaller than usual staff with limited experience and many other commitments, a rapidly declining economy, the resignation of two major editors, an epidemic of flu, and two weeks of bad weather at final deadline time, the 72nd volume of the **Sycamore** was a difficult production. With maddening consistency, deadlines were missed by a few days, a week, or more, until the round-the-clock push during spring vacation completed 77 pages before the final deadline.

The 850 copies of **Sycamore 82** were printed by Josten/American Yearbook Company of Topeka, Kansas and Visalia, California, with expert advice from sales representative Les Peterson of Fremont.

Books were again sold as part of the start-of-school Student Body Package, at the discount rate of $14, with the regular sale coming in October at $16 each. Although book sales increased by 200 copies from last year, ad sales slumped to a three-year low of $6300, attributed at least in part to the severe recession locally.

The 256 pages are printed on 80-lb. gloss enamel paper. Body copy (10 pt.) and captions (8 pt.) used throughout the book are Gill Sans Medium (with Bold for emphasis), set justified. The headline style used on the cover, division pages, and special pages was especially designed in italic to match Gill Sans Bold. Each section of the book has its own layout style, thus changing headlines and column widths.

The staff chose to combine the traditional opening section with the student life section into a 32-page "dictionary" of Panther Life, each writing three or four of the 92 paragraph entries. Headline words are Gill Sans Bold in 36 and 18 pt. The second section, covering both spirit and sports, contains separate layout styles for each. Spirit pages utilize a Gill Sans Bold headline consisting of a 14 pt. "kicker" tagged to a 200 pt. initial, 36 pt. major head, with an 18 pt. subhead and 36 pt. lead-in initial on double 11 pica columns. Sports pages use headlines of 36 pt. Friz Quadrata Bold with a lead-in initial followed by two or three words in 11 pt., on 11 pica columns, either two or three wide.

The third section, covering clubs and academics, features headlines of 24 pt. Penyoe Bold with a 36 pt. lead-in initial followed by two or three words in 11 pt., on 15 pica columns. The fourth division, containing the portraits and profiles (renamed "focus on"), uses 24 pt. headlines of Serif Gothic Heavy with a lead-in initial of 36 pt., followed by two or three words in 11 pt. Columns vary but are generally 10½ picas wide.

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left: Yearbook Staff members Chris Mihelis, Chris Aldana, David Snyder, Chuck Houser, advisor James Shuman, Jeremy Shuman, Karen Fernandes and Harvey Pimentel gather around editor Robert Stamy as they take a "sneak preview" of the 1982 yearbook.

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1 Stephanie Wood, Kristin Lee and Stephanie Heersink get ready to return to class after lunch on Hawaiian Day.
2 After hurting his knee during a soccer game, freshman Kenny Boggs watches from the sidelines.
3 Smiling her prettiest, Lori Thomas has her picture taken with Santa Claus, otherwise known as Dick Lang.
4 Mayor Peggy Mensinger awards the Outstanding Freshman Citizenship Award to Brennita Norris.
5 As an MPD squad car pulls into the central courtyard, Jim Boer, Steve Rosenow, David Absher, Guy Caldwell and Jon McManis react with surprise.
6 Sniffing an unknown liquid in Graphic Arts, Brian Nevitt smiles delightedly at the prospects of its contents.
7 Wearing his umbrella-hat, Mr. Art Barba protects himself from the weather.

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1 Wayne McGhee is delighted with his gift from the Rowdy Rooters shortly before the end of the basketball season.
2 Decked out for Crazy Day, snappy dresser Laure Bradford wheels her way to class.
3 Long-time friends Karen Fernandes and Regina Avila sing the school hymn at a football game.
4 After taking up the vandalized Panther, Rex Ellehers from Aristocrat Interiors finishes laying down the new linoleum.
5 'S' Club members Rhonda Boone, Monica Contreras, Maria Fernandez, Cindy Boday and Karen Steen decorate the traditional main hall Christmas tree.
6 A gingerbread house made by Tammy Noffsinger and Valorie Stafford and shown in the main hall display booth, was one of many Junior Class fundraisers.
7 Yearbook layout editor Joe Gallardo finds an amusing diversion.
8 Junior James Fulton clicks his heels to celebrate another 'good day.'

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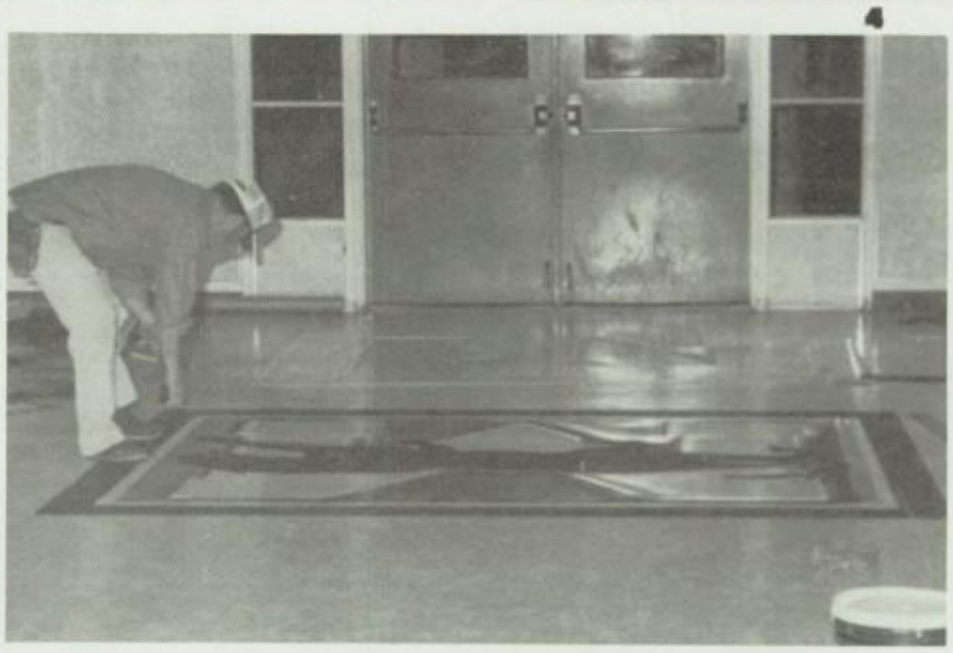
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1 Troy Grays dresses out for wrestling practice during seventh period PE.
2 Doug Balmain and Greg Risdon talk with Coach Marty Boer after the Winter Sports Banquet.
3 Roy Bridges gives an extra-special goodbye to Regina Avila, dressed in her Punk Rock outfit.
4 Members of the ESL classes, Luz Rivera, Refugio Rivera, Than Phompong, Jaime Plascencia, Abdo Asumairi, Prum Vath, Miguel Rivera, Rojelio Martinez and Luis Astorga enjoy their field trip to Fresno Zoo.
5 Resource Department members Scott Marchant, Mr. Ty Farley, Dan Maddox, Mrs. Therese McHale and Lynn Polk plant their living Christmas tree in the courtyard as a permanent gift to the school.
6 Enjoying their lunch in the sun, Maria Dominguez, Carmen Ramirez, Jovita Madrigal and Patricia Vera compare homework notes.
7 Deciding what to eat for lunch poses a problem for Hawaiian-clad Diane McHale, Stephanie Heersink, David Wend and Michelle Simar.

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1981-1982: a calendar

May 1981 was a month of historic changes worldwide. Much of the way things will be in the next five years may be attributed to this time.

1 Senator Harrison A. Williams, Jr., D-NJ, is convicted of being involved in the ABSCAM conspiracy and bribery case. Congress moves to conduct an investigation.

5 Robert Sands, IRA hunger striker, dies after 66 days in "the Maze" without food.

10 Francois Mitterand is elected as the first Socialist president of France sing the founding of the fifth Republic in 1958.

13 Pope John Paul II is shot in St. Peter's Square, Rome. Mehmut Ali Agca, an escaped Turkish killer with terrorist ties, is arrested and accused with the attempted assassination.

14 Boston Celtics beat the Houston Rockets 4-2, gaining the NBA championship.

20-21 Congress ratifies a compromise budget, projecting a $37.65 billion deficit for fiscal 1982.

21 NY beats Minnesota 4-1 to win the Stanley Cup in hocley.

24 Jaime Roldos Aguilera, president of Ecuador, dies in a plane crash.

26 The Italian government falls, following the revelation that government officials belonged to an illegal, secret Masonic Lodge.

26 USMC jet fighter crashes into the carrier USS Nimitz, killing 14 people and injuring 48. Autopsy reveals traces of narcotics in the blood of the pilot.

28 Roman Catholic primate, Stephen Cardinal Wyszynski, dies at 79.

30 President of Bangladesh, Ziaur Rahman, is shot to death in a military coup attempt. Vice president Abdus Sattar becomes acting president.

June 1981 was the start of summer vacation, but plenty was happening elsewhere.

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6 US coal miners end a 72-day strike by ratifying a 40-month contract.

7-8 Israel's warplanes bomb a partially-built nuclear reactor near Baghdad, Iraq. Th US and many other nations condemn the strike. Israel claims Iraq planned to use the plant to produce fissionable material for bombs, to be used against them.

11 Last day of school!

12 Major League baseball players go on strike over a disagreement with the owners about free-agent compensation.

15 US agrees to provide $3 billion in military and economic aid to Pakistan between October '82 and October '87.

16 US reverses its position against arms sales to China.

21 French Socialists win the majority of seats in the National Assembly in elections held June 14 and 21.

21 Wayne B. Williams is charged with one of the 28 murders in Atlanta.

22 Iran's president Abol Hassen Bani Sadr is dismissed by Ayatollah Ruholla Khomeini after the Majlis (parliament) declared him unfit for office. Sadr flees the country.

23 Communists are named to 4 of 44 French cabinet posts.

28 Bomb explodes in Iran's political office, killing 72, including Chief Justice Ayatollah Mohammad Beheshti.

28 Giovanni Spandiloni, leader of Italy's Republican Party, becomes prime minister and heads a five-party coalition government.

29-30 China's Communist Party condemns the policies of Mao Tse-Tung during the Cultural Revolution (1966-1976).

30 Israel's Likud Party, led by Prime Minister Menachem Begin, narrowly wins parliamentary elections.

30 Ireland's Dail Eirean (House of Deputies) elects Garret Fitzgerald as Prime Minister after June 11 elections gave no party the majority.

July 1981 was a month of many reversals and many industrial changes.

3-4 Chris Evert Lloyd and John McEnroe win Wimbledon titles.

3-13 Youth riots break out in London and Liverpool, and eventually spread to more than 30 British cities and towns. They are mainly due to the sagging British economy which has failed to produce jobs for England's youth.

7 President Reagan nominates Sandra Day O'Connor as the first woman Supreme Court Justice in the history of the United States.

10 Large scale aerial spraying of pesticide is ordered by California Governor Jerry Brown in an effort to wipe out the Medfly.

14-20 Poland's Communist Party holds an emergency congress in which elections are held by secret ballot, the first such vote in any communist country.

17 113 people are killed in Kansas City, Mo. as two aerial walkways collapse in the Hyatt Regency Hotel.

19-20 Economic Summit Meeting, attended by US, UK, Italy, Japan, West Germany and Canada.

22 Chrysler Corporation reports earnings of $11.6 million for the second quarter, the first profit since 1978.

24 Iranians elect Mohammad Ali Rajai as president.

25 Rugby fans and demonstrators clash in New Zealand, preventing a match with South Africa's Springboks team. The Police Commissioner of New Zealand calls the riots the worst in his country's history.

29 HRH Prince Charles and Lady Diana Spencer are married at St. Paul's Cathedral in London. Over 700 million people worldwide watch the ceremony on TV.

31 Baseball strike ends after 49 days.

guide to main events of the year

1 Perhaps the biggest event of the century was the wedding of the heir to the British throne, Prince Charles, to a London kindergarten teacher, Lady Diana Spencer.

2 While reviewing his troops in October, Egypt's president Anwar Sadat was assassinated by right-wing religious fanatics.

3 Newspaper headlines tell the story of international events during the year.

4 Assorted covers of a major newsmagazine show many of the major events of the year, both national and international.

5 After returning from his stay in Japan, Martin Dieu reads the latest on West German anti-nuclear arms demonstrations.

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5 Solidarity, Poland's independent trade union, begins its first national congress.

13 A record 8 Emmy awards are won by the television series "Hill Street Blues."

13 Secretary of State Alexander Haig says the US has "physical evidence" that Russia and its allies have used poisonous biological weapons in Laos, Cambodia and Afganistan.

14 Sweden devaluates its currency and freezes prices.

15 Egypt expels the USSR ambassador.

16 Sugar Ray Leonard defeats Thomas Hearns in the richest sports event in history, grossing over $35 million.

19 260,000 labor organization and other group members march in Washington, DC protesting federal social and safety program cuts.

24 President Reagan asks for additional budget cuts amounting to $13 billion.

25 Sandra Day O'Connor is sworn in as the first woman justice of the US Supreme Court.

30 China asks Taiwan to join talks on the reunification of China.

October 1981

witnessed the replacement of many heads of state.

2 The building of 100 M-X missiles and B-1 long-range bombers is proposed by Reagan.

5 Hojatolam Mohammad Ali Khamenei is elected president of Iran.

6 Egypt's leader in war and peace, Anwar el-Sadat, is assassinated while reviewing a military parade just outside Cairo.

7 Lech Walesa is re-elected chairman of Solidarity.

8 Canadian parliamentary subcommittee urges government action to curb acid rain.

10 In Bonn, West Germany, 250,000 people march in a demonstration against the NATO plan to install new nuclear missles in Europe.

13 Mohamed Hosni Mubarak is sworn in as President of Egypt.

18 Stanislaw Kania is replaced by Wojciech Jaruzelski as the Communist Party secretary.

22-23 Cancun Conference is held in Mexico to discuss Third World issues. It is attended by 14 developing nations and 8 industrial nations, including the US.

25 New York City Marathon is won by Alberto Salazar in a world record time of 2:8:13. Allison Roe breaks the women's record in the same marathon with a time of 2:25:28.

27 A Russian submarine runs aground near a Swedish naval base.

27 Finland's president for over 25 years, Urho Kaleva Kekkonen, steps down due to failing health.

28 Dodgers win the World Series in 6 games, from the Yankees.

28 US Senate approves the sale of 5 AWAC radar planes to Saudia Arabia.

29 OPEC sets a single barrel price of $34 for crude oil.

November 81

was big on diplomacy and internal affairs.

5 Buckingham Palace announces that the Prince of Wales is expecting a baby in June.

6 President Reagan discloses that he has given up hope of balancing the budget by 1984.

9 International Monetary Fund approves its largest loan ever, $5.8 billion for India.

12 David Stockman, director of the Office of Management and Budget, offers to resign after an article in the **Atlantic Monthly** quotes him as saying he doubts the Administration's economic programs will work. With much talk about mis-quotations and

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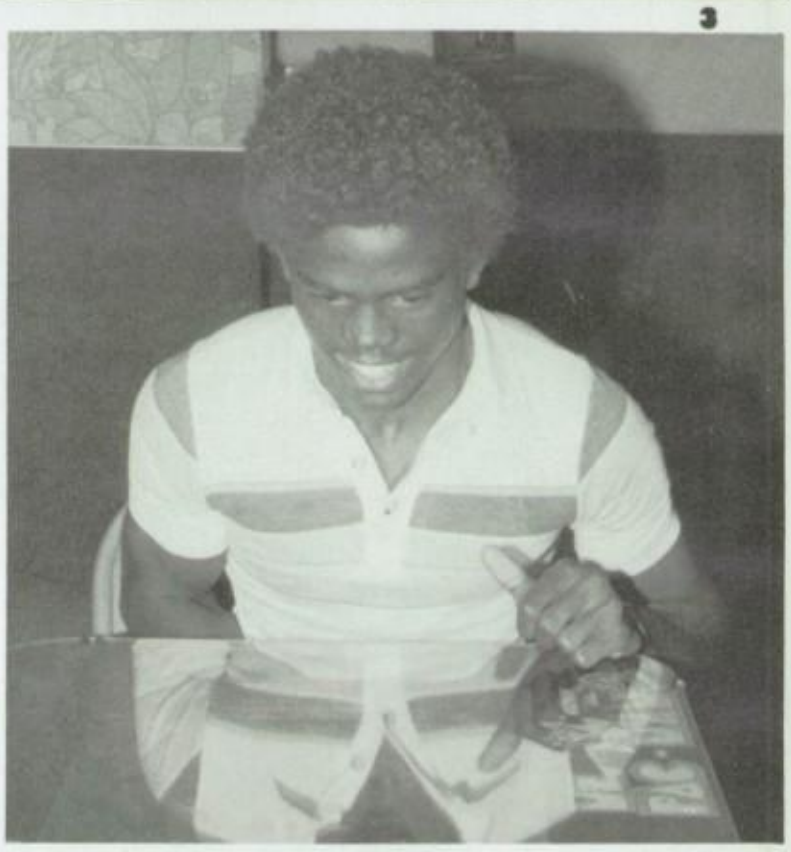

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1 Air Traffic Control Specialist Richard Rosa gives the wind speed and altimeter readings to the pilot of the Aspen Airways plane at Modesto Airport, after controllers returned to work.
2 After an unusually heavy rainfall, many of the area's rivers flowed over their banks into the surrounding land.
3 Junior Tommy Warren catches Pac-Man Fever, a video game epidemic sweeping the country.
4 Newspaper headlines thell the story of state and national events during the year.
5 In January, the remodeled State Capitol building is a major tourist attraction.
6 Discovery of the Mediterranean Fruit Fly in the state's crops led to aerial spraying of Malathion and the quarantine of many counties.

ir controllers apparently on strike
St. Helens eruption
Two reported missing in aftermath of crash
during freak gust of wind
Unemployment hits six-year high
Hayakawa drops from Senate race
Pacific storm slaps north state; 3 die
Late field goal wins Pro Bowl for AFC
Fain's fight to be free
Sugar Ray reigns;
Hearns falls in 14
111 dead; K.C. wants to know w
81 die as plane crashes into Potomac
New Federalism
ver-say-die LA buries New York
Hinckley tries to kill himself
space shuttle
Fonda wins his first Oscar
Hepburn her fourth
the medfly
Series of tornadoes kill 23
Columbia put through paces
Storm batters Nor Cal
Dodgers
26-21

apologies, Reagan keeps him on the job, but not until after the proverbial trip to the woodshed.

12 Four balloonists complete the first manned flight across the Pacific Ocean.

13 Investigation begins on the facts behind the acceptance of a $1000 "gift" by National Security Advisor Richard V. Allen.

14 Space Shuttle returns to earth after its journey is cut short due to a fuel cell failure.

14 Paratroopers begin the largest US military exercise in the middle east since WW II with a jump over Egypt.

18 Reagan proposes to cancel a plan to install new nuclear missles in Europe if Russia will dismantle its comparable weapons.

20 World Chess Champion Antoly Karpov of the USSR keeps his title by defeating Viktor Korchnoi, a Russian defector.

25 Arab League Summit, in Fez, Morocco, collapses after 8 of 21 heads of state fail to show.

30 Arms reduction talks between the US and Russia begin at Geneva, Switzerland.

december 1981

focused on Poland, and military actions worldwide.

2 Polish police break up a sit-in by 300 cadets at a fire-fighter academy in Warsaw.

3 Top officials report that a Libyan hit-team may have entered the US.

4 Solidarity threatens to hold a national protest strike if Poland's government enacts an emergency powers bill.

8 Dissident Russian physicist Andrei D. Sakharov ends a 17-day hunger strike after Soviet officials say his daughter-in-law may leave Russia.

11 Javier Perez de Cuellar of Peru is nominated for the post of secretary general of the United Nations.

11 Argentina's president Roberto Eduardo Viola is removed from office by the military junta.

13 Poland declares martial law, sets a Military Council of National Salvation to run the country, bans public gatherings and strikes, and arrests Solidarity leaders.

14 Israel annexes the Golan Heights, a plateau that it took from Syria in 1967.

15 Congress passes a $200 billion military spending bill, the largest in US history.

17 US Brigadier General James L. Dozier is kidnapped in Italy by the Red Brigades, a left-wing terrorist organization.

17 Albania's Prime Minister Mehmut Shehu commits suicide.

17 UN Security Council unanimously declares Israel's annexation of Golan

Heights "null and void."

19 Poland's ambassador to the US, Romuald Spasowski, asks for political assylum.

29 US imposes limited sanctions against Russia. Only Great Britain follows.

30 Guardian Angel Milton Medina is shot to death by police, who claim it was an accident. Sliwa labels it cold-blooded murder.

31 Robert E. Poli resigns as president of PATCO.

31 China accuses US of lies, tricks (being double-faced) in selling military "spare parts" to Taiwan.

january 1982

saw major sports titles, major air disasters, more on Poland.

1 Russia warns Reagan that sanctions mean trouble.

1 Reagan ousts Allen in favor of William C. Clark.

1 Traffic accidents claim 137 lives as New Year begins.

2 Walesa lays down terms for negotiating.

2 Mubarak dismisses cabinet left him by Sadat.

2 Clemson unanimously acclaimed %1.

3 Russia loans $350 million to Poland.

3-5 36 die in northern California storms.

5 Helmut Schmidt, chancellor of West Germany, joins Reagan in blaming Russia for the Poland crisis.

8 AT&T agrees to divest itself of its Bell operating companies.

10 San Francisco 49ers win conference title, beat Dallas Cowboys 28-27.

11 Pope John Paul II denounces the Polish crackdown.

12-18 Storms in northern California bring more mudslides, destruction.

12-18 Schmidt and Reagan meet on Poland issue.

13 A Florida-bound jet crashes into the Potomac upon takeoff from Washington, DC., and 78 die.

16 A storm nicknamed the "Siberia Express" freezes most of the midwest; it is called the worst since 1800.

17 Four Thunderbird pilots crash in formation in Indian Springs, Nevada.

18 An assassin guns down the US envoy in Paris.

20 Israel and Egypt ink an agreement resolving most of the snags on the Sinai pullout.

23 A DC-10 plunges into the Boston Harbor. The nose end is broken off but miraculously only two are killed.

24 49ers squeak by Bengals 26-21 in a Superbowl thriller.

26 Reagan introduces New Federalism during his State of the Union address to

Congress. He proposes to switch $47 billion in funding from the federal government to state governments by 1983.

28 Dozier is rescued by Italian commando forces after 42 days in captivity.

28 Supreme Court orders '82 elections held in new districts, which leaves onlonly one incumbent, Tony Coelho, D-Merced.

30 Gas feud leaves Modesto with the lowest gas prices in the nation at $1.079 per gallon.

february 1982

brought international unrest and domestic changes.

1 Reagan sends $55 million in military aid to El Salvador.

4 US announces success of Operation Tiburon (SHARK), capture of $40 billion worth of marijuana.

5 UN calls on all members to stop air, trade and diplomatic ties with Israel as punishment for annexing the Golan Heights.

8 Japan Airlines plane crashes into Tokyo Bay, killing 24 persons.

10 Reagan rejects Soviet plan for ⅔ reduction of intermediate range nuclear missles in Europe.

15 84 dead as world's largest offshore oil rig goes under in 80-foot waves off the New Foundland coast.

17 Public Utilities Commission orders $100 million cut in PG&E electric rates.

22 Stocks in NY drop to 22-month low.

25 California Prison Board rescinds convicted murderer Archie Fain's parole date because of public opinion.

27 Wayne B. Williams is found guilty of 2 murders in Atlanta.

march 1982

brought "high scores" on unemployment, American military activites, new video games.

1 Soviets land most advanced space probe to date on Venus.

9 US officials seize 2 tons of cocaine.

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1 The Washington School site, an elementary school campus, will become part of MHS in 1983.
2 As county unemployment hit 20.8%, lines grew longer in the local unemployment office.
3 One of the leaders in gas wars, GASCO changes its prices frequently, occasionally dipping as low as 103.9 per gallon.
4 The largest land development in Modesto, Naraghi Lakes occupies 40 acres along Old Oakdale Road.
5 Due to the recession and bad weather, area construction was held to a minimum.

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300 tons of surplus cheese still in Modesto warehouse
ecruiting for Guardians of Stockton
Tyke's 7'5¾" leap wins World Cup
PG&E forecasts poorer service after rate hike
Modesto's high schools may drop 'minor' sports
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County's jobless rate soars to 20.8 percent
Sweet potatoes have rich tradition
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Skiers make it out of Sierra safely
Gasoline holding at $1.079/gallon
Gasoline feud drives down prices at Modesto pumps
Migrant workers arrive — many as illegal aliens
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11 Senator Harrison A. Williams resigns because of the looming threat of expulsion due to his apparent involvement in the ABSCAM bribery and conspiracy.

16 Russia puts the "freeze" on deployment of missles in Europe, but Reagan comes back with "not good enough."

17 US troops fly to the Sinai as part of the peace-keeping force acting as a buffer between Egypt and israel.

18 IRS announces that cheating Americans create an $80 billion "tax gap" in income tax revenues.

19 Damon Lewis hist a high score of 2,148,490 on Pac-Man.

19 Mt. St. Helens erupts again, sending ash 7 miles up.

23 Space Shuttle leaves on its third mission, a week-long excursion.

23 Junior officers overthrow Guatemala's General Fernando Romeo Lucas Garcia's government, replacing it with a junta headed by retired general Efrian Rias Montt.

27 Jobless rate in Modesto and surrounding area soars to a nationwide high of 20.8%.

28 Despite threats of reprisals from the guerrillas, elections are held successfully in El Salvador.

29 Five right-wing parties invite the Christian Democrats to join a government of national unity in El Salvador.

29 Henry Fonda wins his first Oscar for his role in the hit movie **On Golden Pond.**

29 Cal State Stanislaus Warriors make the final four in Division III, only to lose to the eventual champions, Wabash College of Indiana, in the first round of play, 68-64.

april 1982

brought new threat of war, continued winter storms over much of US.

1 Space Shuttle touches down at White Sands Missle Range, New Mexico, after eight days of testing.

4 Argentina invades the Falkland Islands; Britain prepares for war, sends armada to recover its territory.

10 Final yearbook copy sent to Visalia for printing.

conclusion

education, taking a turn back to the basics, became less dazzling and more subtle. Stressing the "solid" subjects of math, English, science and history, Modesto High attempted to better educate its students in preparation for the life that lay ahead of each graduate. Leading off the "back to basics" idea was the **Fourth R, Responsibility** program initiated by the District. Implemented at MHS in full force this year for the first time with a toughened tardy policy and a crack-down on truancy, students faced the reality of taking school seriously, **or else.**

In retaliation to the stiffer standards, students often became apathetic and more frequently than usual chose not to become involved in activities, whether for a few hours, a few days, or a few weeks. The $30 activity fee also discouraged many people from participating. It seemed obviously unfair that students who were willing to **give** their time to the school should be charged for it. Many students who had been involved in sports and clubs in previous years chose to "sit this one out" rather than submit to the fee.

The broad social, cultural and ethnic mix provided the opportunity of forming friendships that will last a lifetime. Learning to understand and accept people as they are rather than as one would like for them to be is one of the many important side effects of being a student at MHS. Life on the campus was challenging and demanding for the people who became involved, but for many it was still relax and kick back whenever possible. Sharing free time with one's friends by just sitting and talking was still the most popular way to spend the break and lunch hour.

It was not without difficulty that in concluding the final year of its first century Modesto High upheld its long heritage of pride and spirit to the utmost. The decline in formal participation in athletics and other activities, the apathetic response to spirit-promoting activities, and the continuing cutbacks in finances created new obstacles. Through it all, the past four years have helped the members of the Class of 1982 gain **insights** on what it takes to better prepare themselves for the outside world that is even now impatiently waiting as they **focus on** new horizons.

Robert Stamy

1 Approaching the end of eight months of strenuous effort, editor Bob Stamy ponders an appropriate caption for the final page as he takes a few minutes to think things over.
2 Concentrating on yet another competency test, members of the Class of 1982 spend a challenging morning in the cafeteria.
3 Campus Supervisor Jess Garcia stops Mike Toso and Sylvia Chavez to be sure that they have written permission to be out of the room during class time.

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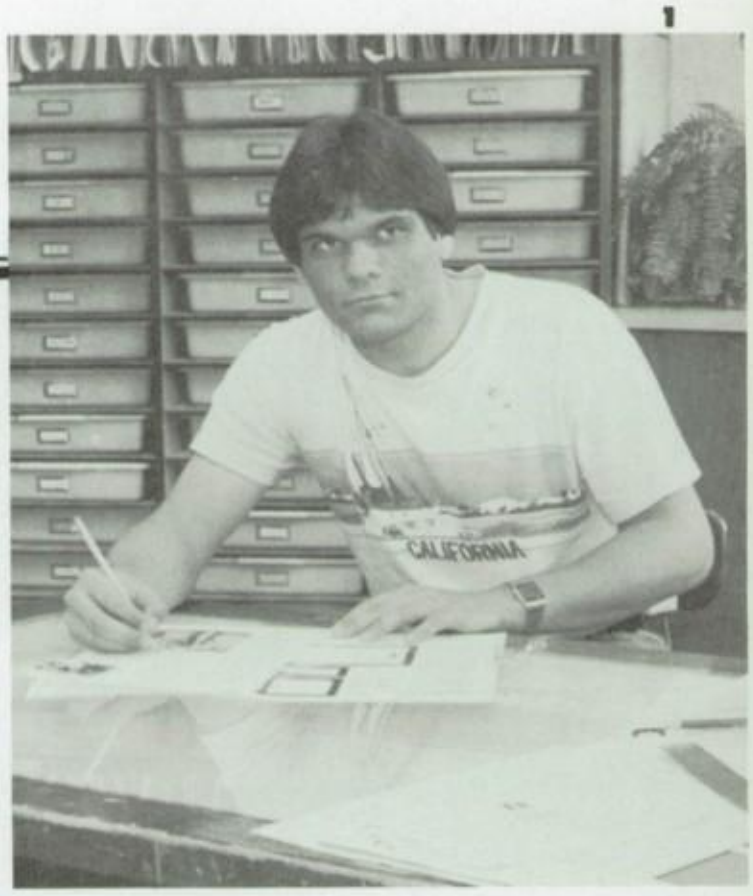

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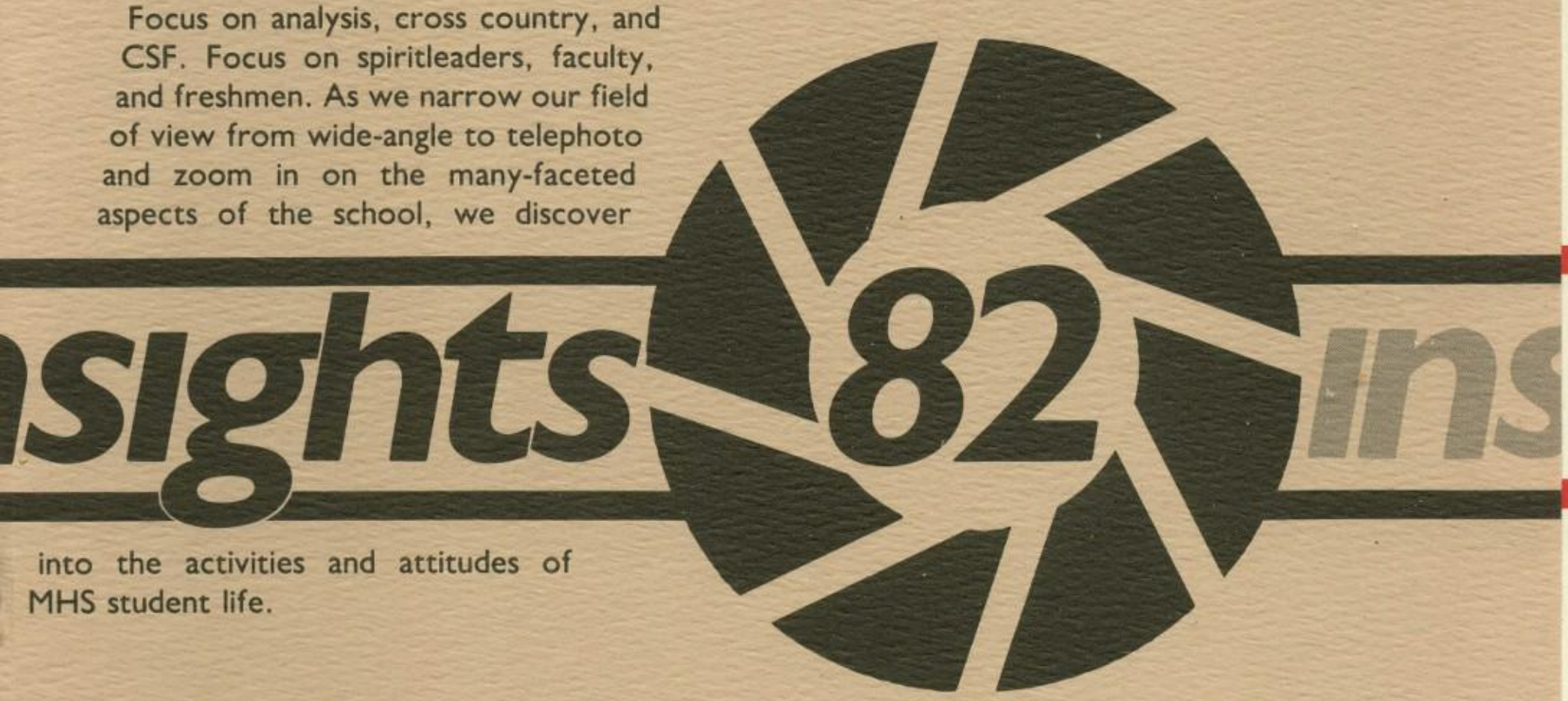
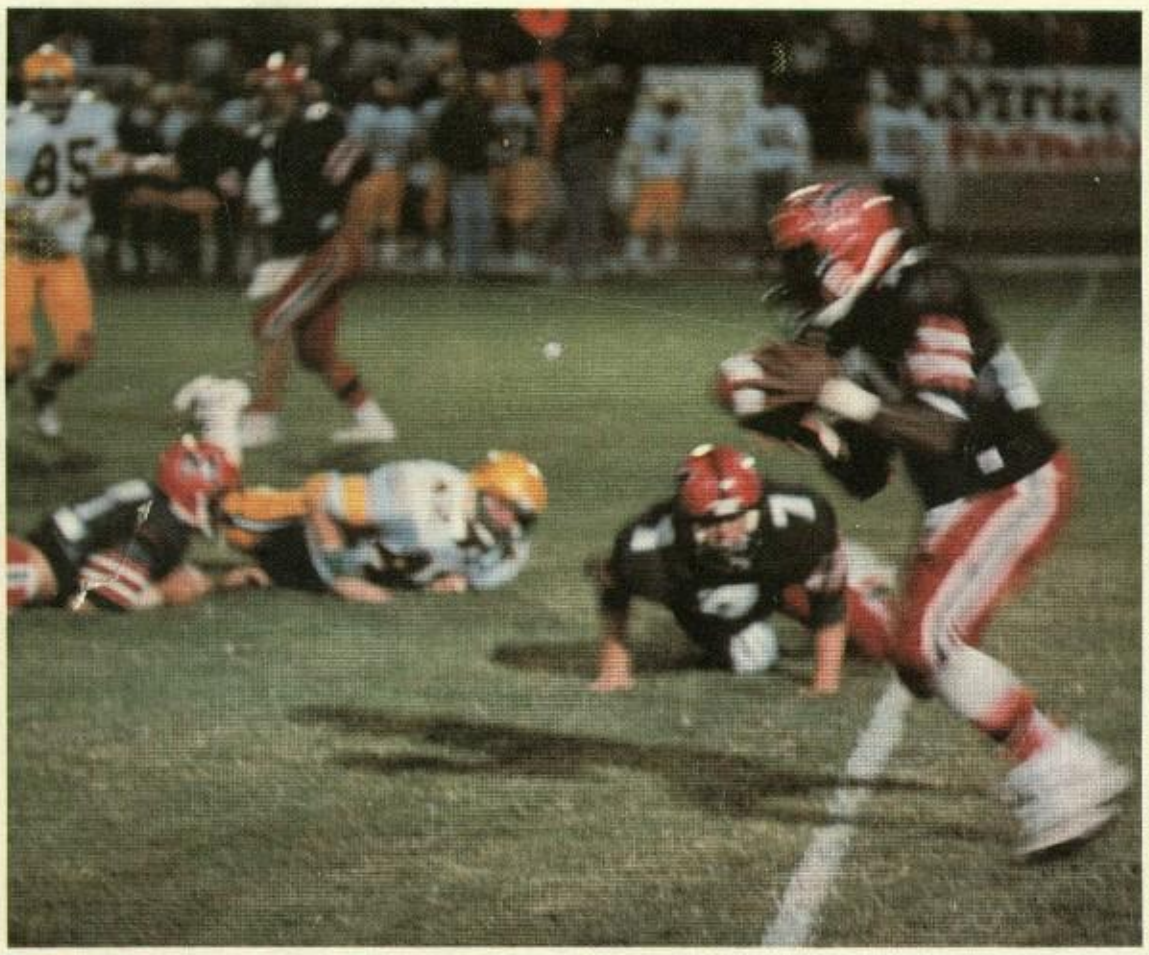
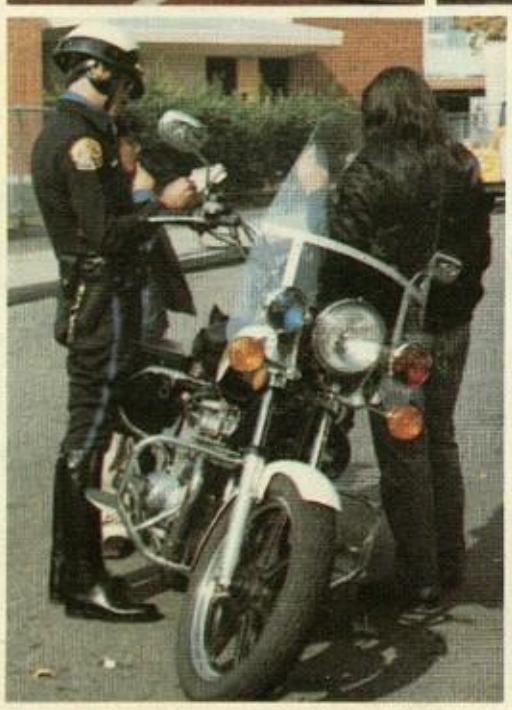
focus on fads, cliques, and hangouts. Focus on analysis, cross country, and CSF. Focus on spiritleaders, faculty, and freshmen. As we narrow our field of view from wide-angle to telephoto and zoom in on the many-faceted aspects of the school, we discover



into the activities and attitudes of MHS student life.





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